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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Soviets & Germany

MR Anthony Eden has given several public assurances that he is making a close and careful study of the latest Soviet proposals for a German peace treaty. It is important that the Foreign Secretary should make a detailed analysis of the Russian note before committing himself to quotable observations inasmuch as the Soviets have come along with a number of variations to their original conception of what should constitute the basic terms of a peace treaty for Germany.

One new emphasis is German unity. A year ago Russia gave the impression that she did not consider unification of Germany of paramount importance; now she advocates discussion by the Big Four of "conditions conducive to the speediest formation of an all-German Government," which will "express the will of the people." But the most significant change in the Russian attitude is that relating to the rearmament of Germany. Last year the Soviets were insisting on the complete demilitarisation of Germany. Now they propose that Germany should be permitted sufficient land, air and sea forces for the defence of the country. The proposals are bound to have a popular appeal to the German mind, for they envisage the removal of almost all restrictions on German sovereignty. Still absent from the Russian note, however, is any direct reference to free elections—a condition on which West Germany has set its heart.

It is this point, in fact, over which the Western Powers are certain to take issue with the Russians. It is the argument of Britain, France and the United States, and subscribed to by West Germany, that without free elections throughout the country there can be no all-German Government. Whatever the general tenor of the Western Powers' reply to the Soviet Note, it can be taken for granted that due emphasis will be placed on Russia's failure to offer any definite commitment on the question of free elections. Furthermore the Western allies will probably desire assurances that Russia has no intention of dragging into any future Four Power discussions issues other than those relating to Germany. For example the existence of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance and American bases outside Germany. These were two subjects over which the Russians waxed wroth at the Paris conferences last year, and the injection of which caused the discussions to be broken off without any progress being made towards finding an agreeable basis for a draft peace treaty. It is impossible at this point to be satisfied about the true designs of Russia in putting forward her latest proposals—or how sincere she is. All that can be acknowledged at the moment is that the Soviets have made a new approach and signified a willingness to give consideration to factors which hitherto they have dismissed as alien to any German peace treaty. The note, therefore, deserves the careful consideration which Mr Eden says it is receiving at the hands of the Western Powers.

Divorce For Hedy

Hollywood, Mar. 17. Actress Hedy Lamarr received an uncontested interlocutory divorce today from her fourth husband, silent film owner Ted Shaffer. —United Press.

RESERVATIONS TO JAP TREATY PROPOSED

Seek Protection Of Sovereignty

Washington, Mar. 17. Two Republican Senators today proposed nine reservations to the Japanese peace treaty and the related Pacific defence pacts.

Senators William Jenner and Margaret Chase Smith submitted the reservations which they said would preserve the sovereignty of the United States and Japan.

Senator Jenner told the Senate that without the reservations the treaties would transfer the control of military establishment from the Congress to the President and allow him to transfer it to another sovereign power—the United Nations.

He asked his fellow Senators to vote against the treaty unless reservations were adopted, otherwise they would "let a strange new flag wave over American soldiers and sailors in the Pacific waters, so recently stained with American blood."

Four of the reservations would be related to the peace treaty, three to the security treaty between the United States and the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

One reservation proposed for all of the treaties would stipulate that nothing in the pact would limit the rights of the United States as a sovereign power to control its own foreign policy and military forces and domestic affairs.

For treaties concerning Japan, this reservation added that the pacts would not impose any "continuing limitation" on full Japanese sovereignty.

PRESERVING CLAIMS
Another reservation would maintain Japanese or allied claims to southern Sakhalin, the Kurile Islands and other prewar Japanese territory and would provide that the treaty did not indicate Russian claims to that territory. It would also specify that the Senate did not imply approval of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements which gave the Kuriles and South Sakhalin to Russia.

One reservation would preserve Nationalist China's claims to its former territory including Manchuria, Formosa and the islands near Formosa.

Another reservation to the Japanese security pact would require Senate ratification of the administrative agreement between the two nations on keeping US forces in and around Japan.

Another reservation would state that the United States rights under the security treaty would not expire until the Congress approves any substitute arrangement which replaces that pact.

Senator Jenner argued that several phrases in the proposed treaties limit the United States to action approved by the United Nations.

Senator Smith said that while India has shown "certain misunderstanding and fear of United States intentions, ratification of the treaties and the policy of bolstering the economy of Southeast Asia would prove 'our genuine interest in the welfare of the people of Asia and our willingness to aid them.'

The peace treaty, the Senator said, "represents the American policy of fostering a healthy Japanese economy" and is a "contribution to the economic welfare of Southeast Asia."

INDUSTRIAL HUB
Terming Japan the "industrial hub of the Far East," Senator Smith said that full economic development of the area cannot be achieved "until normal trade patterns are developed."

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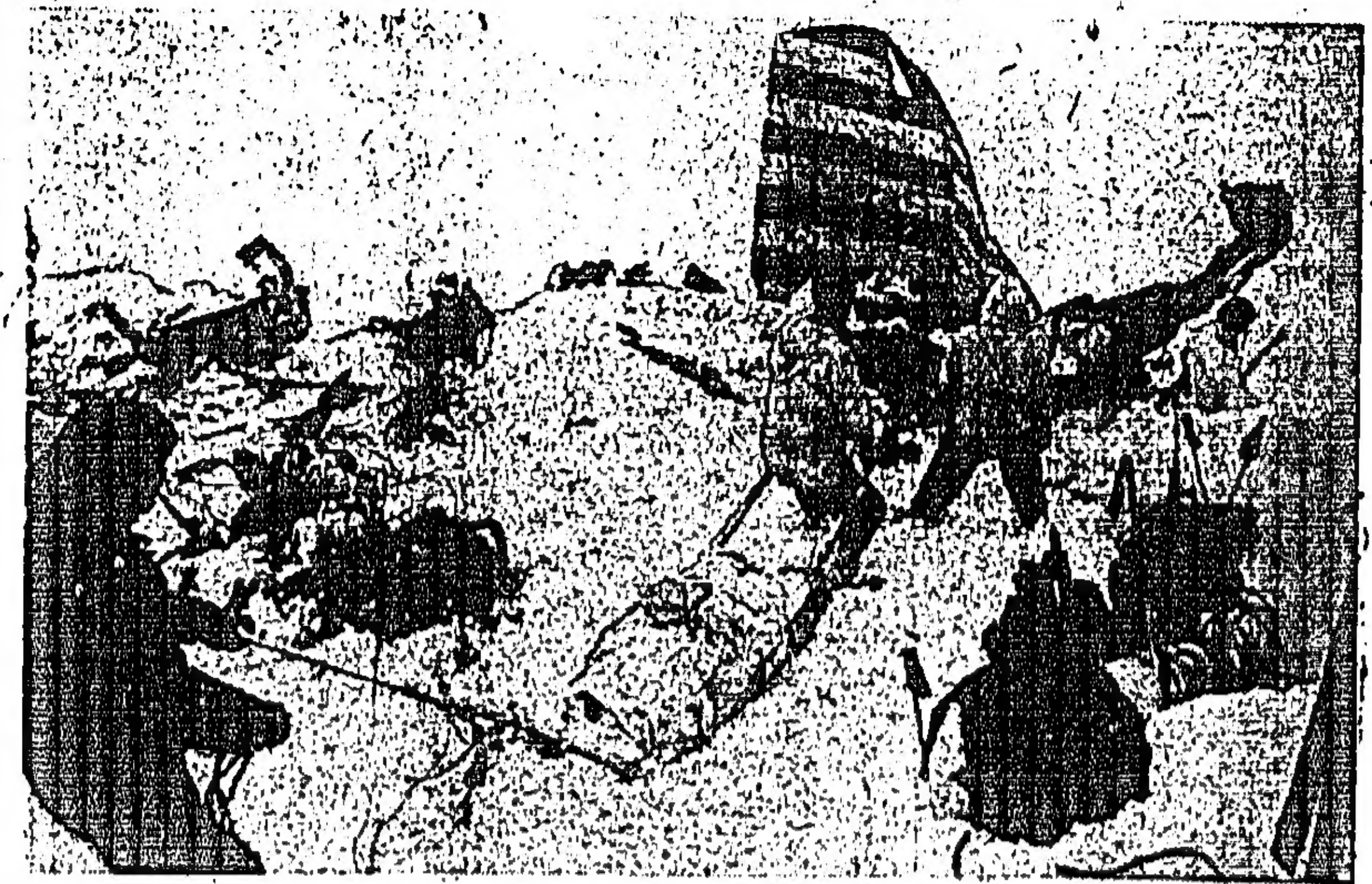
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Mr. Jay charged that about 75 per cent of British wage-earners were worse off because of Mr. Butler's Budget.

The Prime Minister once described the Labour Government's policy as "equality of misery," he said. "His Government is not offering the country 'inequality of misery'."

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, charged that Mr. Jay had just made another speech in the war against the Budget, and he disputed Mr. Jay's figures that the working man was now worse off.

Swiss Alps Disaster



Marooned Men Refuse To Move To Safety

Bishop, Calif., Mar. 17.

Thirty-three persons marooned by a giant snowslide in a mining camp near here decided today after the arrival of a rescue party that they would "stick it out" despite the threat of new slides.

Shortwave radio reports from the United States, Vandenberg Corp Mine, 15 miles north-west of here, said that rescuers on snow shoes arrived and carried 29 persons to safety from the avalanche-wrecked homes. Men, women and children took refuge in a reinforced concrete room built into the side of a mountain until the rescue team arrived. They obtained food from a nearby boarding house and kept warm with crude oil stoves.

NEW SLIDES WARNING
The rescuers took 31 of the marooned people to stay with other mine personnel at Rovanija settlement nearby. They decided to wait out the storm there. But the authorities warned that new slides would endanger this community also.

Many of the mine buildings were destroyed by the slide which tore away most of one home, leaving only the bedroom in which three children lay ill with pneumonia. Another house was demolished except for the kitchen where rescuers found Mrs. Gill Simmons standing on top of the stove.

The State division of Highway Workers rushed all available equipment into the area in an effort to open the only road to the camp, but the work was hampered by snow-drifts six to 10 feet deep and by high winds. —United Press.

Police Move In ON VILLAGERS

Tignes, France, Mar. 17. Special police moved in today in the face of threats of violence from dachau villagers who refuse to move from the village which will soon be at the bottom of a giant Alpine reservoir.

As dam gates shut to block off the swollen Isere River and start filling the valley, the Prefect of Haute Savoie Department arrived with 180 special police to speed up the evacuation of the dwellers of the area and to prevent any disorder. —United Press.

Trapeze Star's Premonition

Paris, Mar. 17. A trapeze artist, Raymond Weyland, aged 47, who was waiting to start his act here last night, told his wife: "I do not know why, but I feel frightened."

The drums rolled and the "flying Weyland"—Raymond, his wife, Jeanine, daughter, Micheline, aged 10, and son-in-law, Daniel—began an act which had thrilled circus audiences in Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Britain for the last seven years.

Suddenly a strap broke and Raymond and his daughter plummeted down. Micheline landed on her stomach and lived. Raymond died on his way to hospital. —Reuter.

Socialist Opposition Continues Attack Against The Budget

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Restrictions On Soviet Diplomats

Verbal Duel In Commons

London, Mar. 17. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the Labour pacifist, Mr. Emrys Hughes, exchanged words today in the Commons over the new British travel restrictions on Soviet diplomats.

"Do these restrictions make it impossible for Soviet diplomats to visit the more civilised parts of Great Britain, such as Scotland and Wales?" demanded Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Eden: "Should a Soviet representative wish to visit Scotland, or perhaps Warwickshire, he is entirely free to do so. All he is asked to do is to give 48 hours' notice, and that is much greater freedom than the diplomats enjoy in his country."

TOLSTOY'S HOME
Later, Mr. Eden told Mr. Hughes that British diplomats could visit Tolstoy's home 120 miles from Moscow but only by road and by giving 48 hours' notice.

"Is he aware that is the birthplace of Leo Tolstoy and it is important to maintain cultural relations even under the tension of the cold war?" demanded Mr. Hughes.

He continued, amid general laughter: "Can a Russian diplomat visit the grave of Karl Marx in London every day without giving notice, while he has to give 48 hours' notice to visit the tomb of the Scots poet Robert Burns?"

"We have to try to cater for all tastes," replied Mr. Eden, adding that if a Russian diplomat wanted to visit Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon he could stop along the road on the way to a picnic. British diplomats cannot picnic on the way to Tolstoy's home. —United Press.

St. Patrick's Day Trouble

London, Mar. 17. Over 20 persons, including a number of police, were injured at Londonderry, Northern Ireland, today during a demonstration commemorating St. Patrick's Day.

Clashes occurred with the police when Republicans, advocating the return of Ulster to Ireland, invaded the Protestant and Unionist (favoring Ulster's present status under the British Crown) quarter of the town.

The tricoloured flag of the demonstrators was seized by the police after a violent fight during which the police made three truncheon charges. —France Press.

Slaying Of Jews Nazi Found Guilty Of Complicity

Nuremberg, Mar. 17. Franz Rademacher, 45, former senior official in the Nazi Foreign Office, was sentenced to three years and five months' gaol today for complicity in the killing of 1,300 Serbian Jews and for trying to extend deportation orders for Belgian Jews.

The German court which tried him ruled that the time spent in gaols awaiting trial counts towards the sentence which makes him due for release in a year.

Rademacher was acquitted on charges of responsibility for the deportation of Croatian and Rumanian Jews and over 100,000 Jews from France, Belgium and Holland to Auschwitz, where most of the Jews were gassed.

BROKE THE LAW
Judge Schramm said in his verdict that Rademacher could not be held responsible for deportations from Nazi-occupied Western countries because the Foreign Office, where he was in charge of Jewish affairs, had practically no say on this subject.

He was guilty of complicity on a request to the German authorities in Brussels that deportation orders should be extended from stateless to Belgian Jews.

The order was not, in fact, extended, the Judge added, but Rademacher broke the law by failing to prevent this illegal request leaving the Foreign Office. On deportations from Rumania the Judge said evidence had shown that the Rumanian Government itself had ordered them.

The main charge of which Rademacher was convicted concerned the execution in Belgrade in 1941 of 1,300 Serbian Jews. Judge Schramm said that Rademacher's report said that his journey to Belgrade was to assist in "the liquidation of Jews." —Reuter.

Withdrawal From Ismailia

Cairo, Mar. 17. The Minister of State, Farid Zealok, announced tonight that all British troops would be withdrawn from the Suez Canal Zone "troubled town" of Ismailia on Thursday.

Mr. Zealok said General Sir Theodor Erskine, commander of British troops in the Canal Zone, had informed the Egyptian Government of the scheduled evacuation.

A British military spokesman in Cairo also announced the intention to restore the work to Egyptian control all areas of Ismailia occupied by British troops following clashes. The spokesman said Port Said and Suez would remain out of bounds for all British troops. British troops have been controlling the two main streets in Ismailia. —United Press.

'You Will Be Bombed Out' Warning To Negroes

Los Angeles, Mar. 17. A citizens' committee joined policemen today in guarding a residential district rocked by bombs with a warning to Negroes to move out "or be bombed out."

Two home-made bombs exploded almost simultaneously yesterday in the home of a Negro, William Bailey, and at a duplex residence across the street occupied by Whites.

It was the fifth bomb explosion on Dunsmuir Street in six months. No one was injured, the Police reported. But investigators said that the blasts caused extensive damage to the houses and furniture.

John Potts, 32, and Ralph Martinez, 35, occupied one unit of the duplex. Officers said that the unit was "undoubtedly mistaken for that of Edward Hartstein who recently sold the house to Roger Duncan, a Negro."

Duncan said he plans to move in on May 4 despite "this very un-American thing." He is a Los Angeles City fireman.

HEADLINES NOTE
Officers said they found a note written from newspaper headlines pasted on paper tucked under the letter-box of the Bailey residence.

It read: "Negroes move off Dunsmuir Street, north of Adams. We will bomb off all Negroes." The note was found in the damaged portion of the duplex, told officers that he had received a bomb threat letter last December similar to the one left at the Bailey residence.

He said it warned that he would be bombed if he sold the house to Negroes.

Bailey, 32, a science High School teacher, his wife, and their son, William, 12, said after the bombing that they had no intention of being driven from their home by threats.

After the blasts some 1,000 neighbours, both Negroes and Whites, gathered in front of the homes to aid the families. Nearly \$300 were raised to help pay for repairs and pledges were received from painters, carpenters and electricians to start work on the homes today.

Lieutenant Howard Chapman, of Wilshire Police Station, promised the group that a thorough investigation of the incident would be undertaken. —United Press.

The Public Rally To M. Pinay

Paris, Mar. 17. Frenchmen were buying Government bonds again today and housewives greeted the milkman with a smile as the businessman Premier, Antoine Pinay, and his Cabinet got down to the details of squaring the record 1952 budget.

Public support for a new peak for the 60-year-old "miracle man" who offered something other than endless price increases and mounting taxes to a nation bogged down in an economic crisis which it only vaguely understands.

Veteran observers said the support would be more than enough to make non-governmental forces think very carefully before doing anything to upset the new regime when M. Pinay places the first of his proposals before the National Assembly tomorrow.

The first of the new 5,000-franc Treasury bonds sold this morning were expected to indicate the lengths to which M. Pinay could go in floating Government loans to cover budgetary expenses.

Officials were not yet saying how popular the new bonds were, but simultaneously the black market dollar dropped 12 francs in value to 441 against the legal rate of 350. The price of gold also dropped.

Housewives, paying four francs less per litre for their morning milk under the first of M. Pinay's promised measures to curb food prices, showed as much optimism as the big financiers. —United Press.

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Beer-Drinking On Increase

London, Mar. 17.
The British output of beer reached 1,704,000 barrels in January, which was 372,000 barrels less than in December.
But the drop is only seasonal and actually British beer drinkers guzzled about 100,000 barrels more last January than during the same month the previous year.—France-Press.

"Ike" Given Briefing On Germany

Paris, Mar. 17.
The American High Commissioner, Mr. John J. McCloy, today brought General Dwight Eisenhower up to date on German defence and its relation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

He lunched with the General and Mr. Paul Hoffman and saw him for over three hours. He told newspapermen that German participation in the European Army depended on how long it took the European countries to ratify the European Army treaty.
"Autumn looks a little on the early side to me," he said.
On the Soviet note in Germany, Mr. McCloy said it had obviously been induced by the successful steps taken towards the consolidation of Western defence and was an attempt to deflect it.

Mr. McCloy added: "If they are serious about German unification and the peace treaty it can be brought about. The note requires a serious answer and I hope they get it rapidly."
Mr. McCloy said that among the Germans there was no enthusiasm for re-militarisation but a strong feeling against it. But, an influential body of opinion in Germany wants to do a self-respecting share in defending Western freedom.
The glamour had gone out of things military and if rearmament occurred it would be from a sense of obligation, he declared.
Mr. McCloy will call on M. Jean Monnet, architect of the Schuman coal and steel plan, and at the Foreign Ministry to see either the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, or M. Herve Alphand, the French representative to NATO, before returning to Germany tonight.—Reuter.

Acceptance Of US Aid Defended

Rangoon, Mar. 17.
Burmese Ministers today defended acceptance of American aid against opposition members who told Parliament that such aid violated Burma's neutrality and would force her to take sides in the event of a third World War.
American aid to Burma was resumed last month after the original agreement, which Burma had refused to sign because it prejudiced her neutrality, had been amended.
The Foreign Minister, Sao Hsueh Hui, assured critics today that acceptance of economic aid under the Mutual Security Act was free of political strings.
Thakin Tin, Minister of Land Nationalisation, said that Burma would accept aid from Russia if it were given without strings because foreign assistance was necessary to rehabilitate the country.—Reuter.

ASIAN SOCIALIST CONFERENCE

New Delhi, Mar. 17.
The Preparatory Committee of the Asian Socialist Parties' Congress will meet in Rangoon on March 24.
The Committee comprises six members—two Indians, two Burmese and two Indonesians.—France-Press.

U.S. Defence Secretary On Russian Role In The Korea Operations

Detroit, Mar. 17.

The United States Defence Secretary, Mr. Robert Lovett, declared today that the United Nations forces in Korea, after the Inchon landing in September, 1950, captured documentary proof that a big store of mines there had come recently from the nearby Russian port of Vladivostok.

Mr. Lovett, addressing a meeting of the Detroit Economic Club, said that the Soviet Union stimulated the Korean war and that it was being carried on with Soviet war supplies.

Mr. Lovett said, "The war in Korea started with the stimulus and with the strong backing in materials of the Soviets. No reasonable person could believe that the North Korean Government was able to manufacture substantial amounts of aircraft or heavy artillery.

"After the brilliant Inchon landing in Korea, we captured large dumps of military supplies and secured definite documentary proof that the store of mines we found was shipped from Vladivostok only a few months before."

Mr. Lovett said that recently the Communist and North Korean negotiators at the Korean armistice talks had adopted a position which clearly indicated "that China and North Korea were merely the stooges in the long-standing aim of the Kremlin to dominate the world."

The Communist technique in Korea embodied subversion, aggression, deceit, bad faith, false promises and a continuing attempt to wear down the other party.

But the Communists' timetable in Korea had been upset and the Reds had been badly hurt.

Mr. Lovett mentioned other spots in the world where, he said, "we find no reason for comfort."

He referred to the Communist efforts in Indo-China, Burma, Kashmir and Persia, and to the outbreak of violence and rioting in Egypt and Tunisia.

OMINOUS THREAD

"There is a grim and ominous thread running through the entire fabric of world events which seems to me to make obvious that in the present circumstances the solution cannot lie in weakness," Mr. Lovett said.

He outlined what he said was notable progress made in building up the armed forces since the start of the Korean War.

Currently, military expenditure was at a rate of about \$3,500,000,000 a month and it should reach about \$4,000,000,000 by the end of this calendar year, Mr. Lovett said.

Substantially, only 50 per cent of the expenditure was for weapons and military construction.

Mr. Lovett said that the military is in a "true ferment" as it switches to super-weapons for new methods of warfare.

The turmoil was the result of amazing advances in applied science and technology which prompted the emphasis being put on guided missiles and atomic warheads.

NEW TREND

"For example," he said, "there is a cheap and reliable way of knocking out tanks at a distance without using another expensive tank or a very expensive piece of artillery—and I believe that there is or will be—it doesn't make much sense to go ahead and build an excessive amount of tanks."

He continued, "We are shifting from piston engines to jets, from visual to radar, from certain types of artillery to rockets, from piloted aircraft to guided missiles and from World War II explosives to atomic warheads."

Yesterday, at West Point, New York, General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, said that the United States is on the threshold of new developments in weapons. He did not explain the new weapons but said that they completely outdistanced military planners.
Mr. Lovett said that modern weapons carry a terrific cost due

Give The Husband A Break

—Say Wives

London, Mar. 17.

Women who willfully neglect their husbands, homes and families, should be punished, by law.

Married women have made this recommendation in a report to the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce. Their feelings on the subject, expressed by the Married Women's Association, will be studied by the Royal Commission, which is now sitting.

The association, stressing that the reciprocal responsibilities of a wife to a husband should be adequately enforced, suggest that to deal with such domestic problems every court of petty sessions should include a department of domestic relations. In these courts advice, conciliation, arbitration and adjudication would be rapidly available. If possible women stipendiaries would be asked to help.

Mrs. Helena Normanton, Q.C., president of the association, prepared the document for the Royal Commission. She said last night:

"I have every sympathy for the husband who is not getting a square deal. Often such neglect by the wife leads to the husband knocking her about or deserting."

TREATMENT

"To avoid that we suggest the setting-up of domestic courts to which the wilfully inefficient wife could be brought. She may need medical treatment, in which case that could be provided. She may be in need of a training course which would put matters right very quickly."

"But if, after everything else were tried she remained negligent, some punishment might be necessary. Cutting off her allowance might work; failing that, something stern, even imprisonment."

In the opinion of the association, their proposed domestic relations courts should have wide powers to enforce maintenance orders, even to the extent of orders for the receipt of money at the defaulting spouse's place of earning, or by charge on the assets receivable at the defaulter's bank.

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Two Diamond Kings Discuss 'Lost' Output

Capetown, Mar. 17.

Two men who deal in millions met deep in the Tanganyika bush country last week to discuss a diamonds mystery.

The men are the South African diamond king, Mr. Harry Oppenheimer, and the fabulous Dr. John Thorburn Williamson, discoverer and chief owner of the Mwadui diamond mine in Tanganyika. And the mystery, put in a sentence, is: What has Dr. Williamson been doing with all his diamonds?

Mr. Oppenheimer returned to Capetown but refused to comment on the talks. Under a contract between the Williamson Mine and the Diamond Corporation, Williamson diamonds were to be sold through the corporation. But revenue returns of taxation receipts in Tanganyika show that no diamonds have been sold by the Williamson mine in the past two years.

Yet the mine continued operations, and the supposition in diamond circles is that Dr. Williamson has accumulated diamonds worth about £4,000,000.

Diamond mining and merchant circles are anxious to know what he is going to do with them.

Jewish Claim Discussed

London, Mar. 17.

Representatives of world Jewry and the Israeli Government are beginning private preparatory talks here on the problem of restitution and reparations claims against Germany.

The procedural and technical talks precede a conference to be held from March 25 at Brussels between world Jewry and Israeli representatives and German Government officials.

A spokesman of the Israeli Foreign Ministry recently stated that the Brussels talks would be based on Israel's claim of \$1,500,000,000 in reparations from Germany. This claim was contained in an Israeli note sent last week to the four Occupation Powers—Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France.—Reuter.

Civil Defence Corps

London, Mar. 17.

Volunteers for the Civil Defence Corps—both men and women—total 184,085 since recruiting opened in November, 1940.—Reuter.

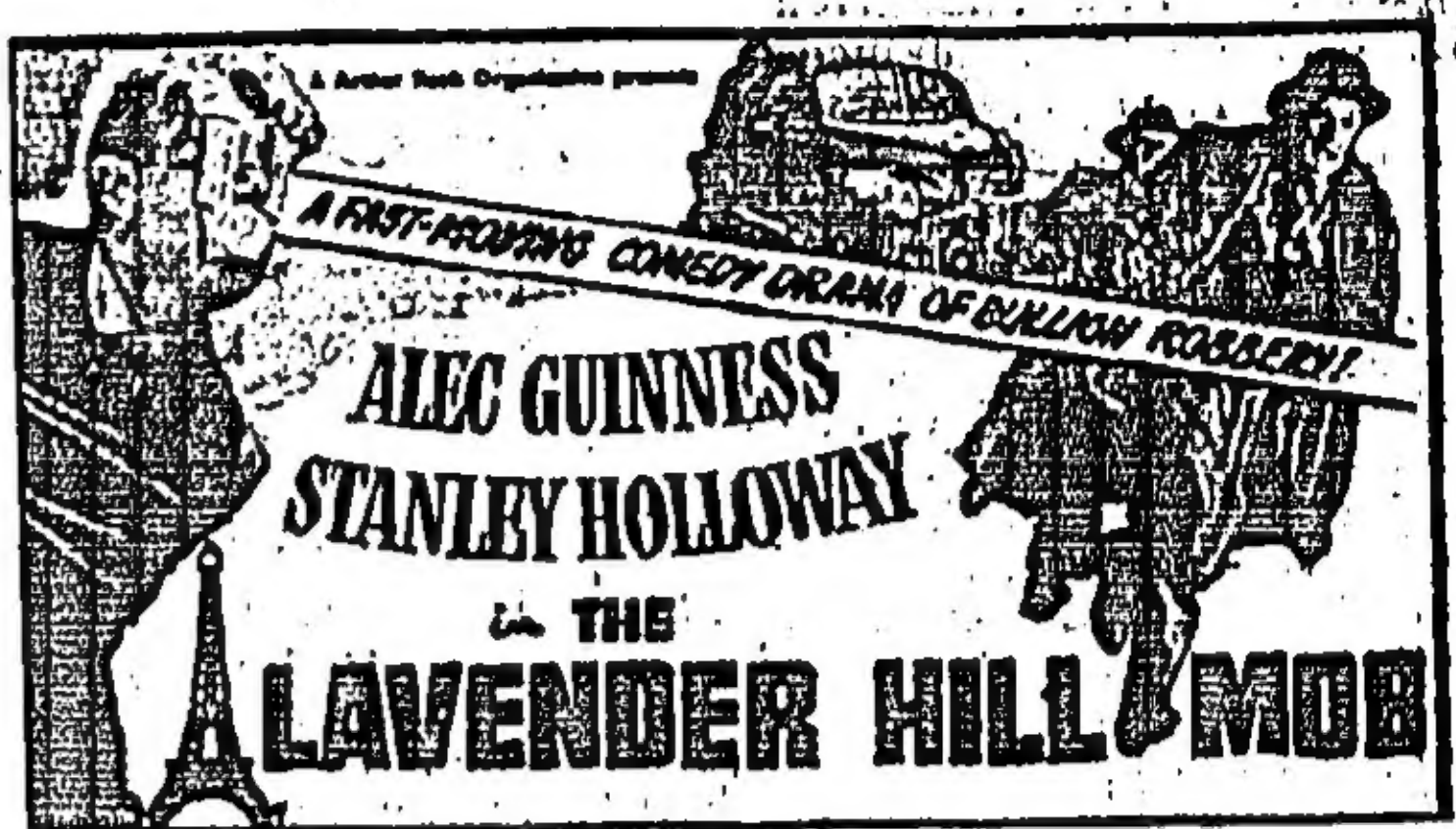
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PERSIA EXPLAINS REJECTION

Why Bank Proposals Were Turned Down

Teheran, Mar. 17. Karem Hassibi, Persian oil negotiator, broadening to the Persian people tonight, estimated that acceptance of the World Bank's proposal for an oil settlement would have meant a loss of \$75,000,000 every year for Persia.

He declared, "The International Bank's proposals which we can not accept, were virtually worse than the Stokes mission proposal and the Jackson proposal last year."

(Mr. Richard Stokes led the British Ministerial mission and Mr. Averell Harriman was President Truman's special envoy in abortive negotiations last year. Last Jackson is Deputy Chairman of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.)

Karem Hassibi said that a separate Persian Gulf price for oil—distinct from the Mexican Gulf price or world price—was "totally artificial, fixed by the big oil trusts for their own benefit."

Meanwhile, after a lengthy Senate session, Premier Mohammed Mossadeq is reported to have told Mr. Hector Prud'homme, leader of the mission that "Persia would prefer bankruptcy to compromising her national interests."

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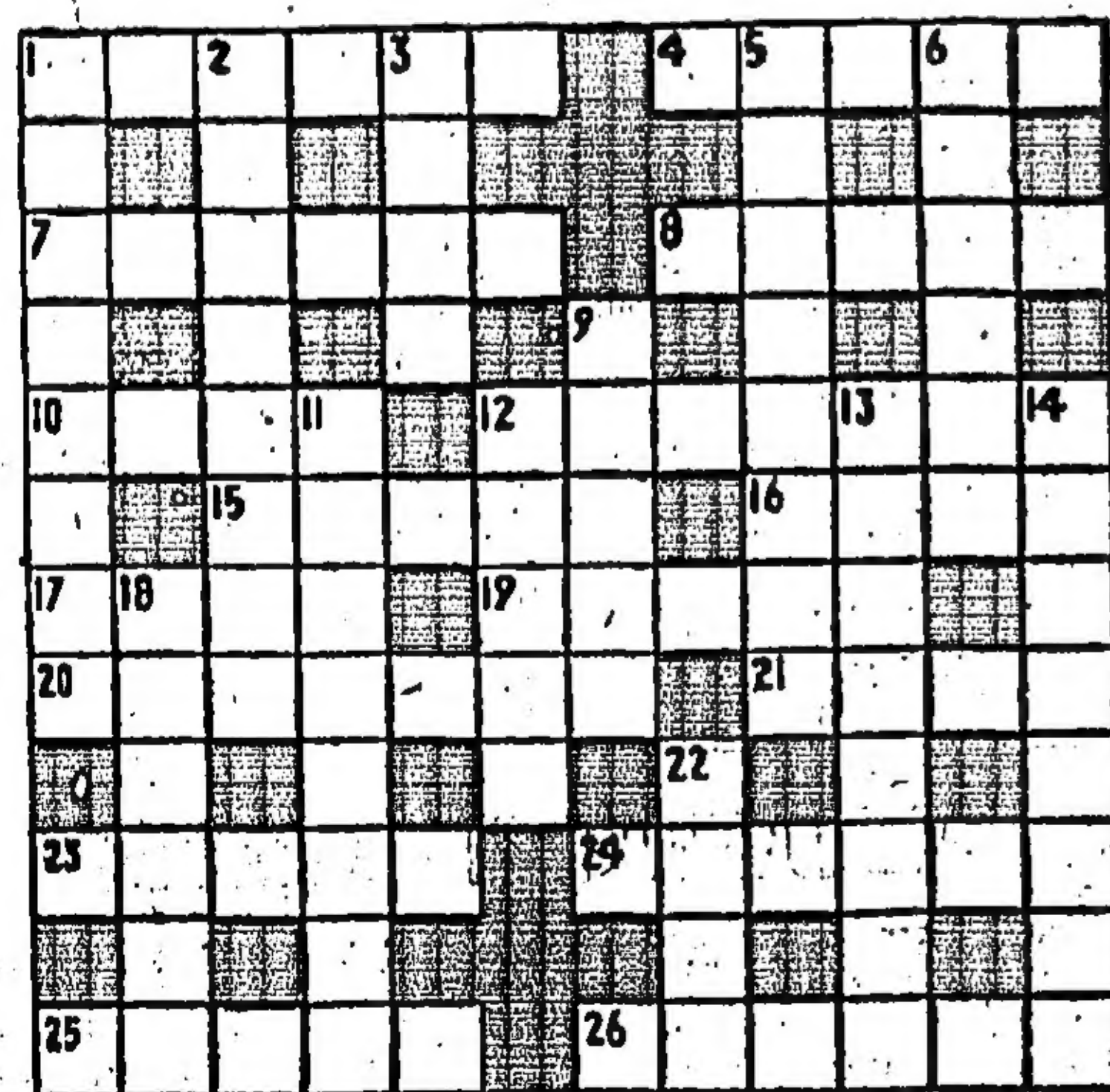
(The World Bank mission is to fly back to Washington tomorrow).—Reuter.

HIRED HAT TO VISIT BANK

London, Mar. 17. When three men decided to cash a forged cheque for \$2,556 one of them, William Henry Dyer, went to an out-fitter's and hired a black hat, a scarf, and a smart overcoat in the hope of impressing the cashier at the bank. The cashier was not convinced.

At the Old Bailey Dyer, a physical training instructor of no fixed address was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment. Edward Barnes, 28, student, Tisbury-road, West Kensington, to 18 months, and Moses Donker, 25, engineer's mate, Cambridge-road, Kilburn, to 12 months. All pleaded guilty to attempted fraud.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Calm down (6)
4 Rage (5)
7 Persuade (6)
8 Express (5)
10 Harbour (4)
12 Flout of trumpets (7)
15 Dress up (5)
16 Nelson (4)
17 Scold (4)
18 Tribal emblem (5)
20 Slim (7)
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SWEETEST GIRL IN THE WORLD



Trina Lluberras, 19, of Ciudad Trujillo, in the Dominican Republic, reigns as Sugar Queen of 1952 during the annual Sugar Flea which commemorates the introduction of cane sugar to the West Indies by Christopher Columbus 459 years ago. — Express Service.

Fisherman Does It Again

Chester, Mar. 17. The first salmon of the new season was caught in the Cheshire Dee early today by T. M. Johnson, of Chester. The fish weighed seven and a half pounds. Johnson has claimed the customary guinea which is awarded annually by the Rector of Handbridge, Chester, the Reverend W. N. Digby Thomas, to the first Handbridge man to land a salmon. This is the second year in succession that Johnson has caught the first fish.—Reuter.

Baker Broke His Parole

Paris, Mar. 17. Fritz Zichaus, an Austrian baker who learned from an old newspaper of the death sentence passed on him here last month, was sentenced to death because he did not turn up in Court, it was stated today.

Colonel Camadeau, head of the Paris Military Magistrature, said that Zichaus, a former German Intelligence official, charged with cruelty to French prisoners, spent five years in detention in France. He was then released after giving his parole that he would present himself when summoned for trial.

In cases of this kind, Colonel Camadeau said, the death sentence was generally passed if the accused failed to turn up for the trial. The opportunity was still open for Zichaus to fulfil his parole and the death sentence would be quashed and the trial re-heard.—Reuter.

RUSSIA FEELING BURDEN OF ARMING PROGRAMME

London, Mar. 17. The Soviet Government is introducing drastic economy measures this year in other Government expenditures to ease the growing burden of rearmament, informed sources said today.

Declarations during the recent resume of the Soviet budget debate showed that the Soviet economic plan for 1952 includes "further growth of industrial production based on increased productivity, labour, technical development, and the use of new production forces."

But it was made clear during the debate that the Soviet economy is increasingly feeling the strain of the new burdens imposed on it.

Informed sources said that never before in Soviet history was such criticism made of the failures to implement the economic plan through over-spending and waste of machinery and other materials.

The debate disclosed that important factories are running at a deficit, trade organisations making unnecessary stocks and ministries failing to implement Government directives to cut building costs.

At the end of the debate it was indicated that the Government will take three main measures to cut waste:

1.—Official financial control bodies will be held responsible not only for "violations of financial discipline" but will also be empowered to take measures to remove them.

2.—Drastic cuts will be made in the number of Government officials and measures will be taken to "simplify" the administrative machine.

3.—Unspecified steps will be taken to improve the work of trade organisations, especially in everything concerning the distribution of raw materials and goods.

EAST-WEST TRADE
This last move is apparently aimed at lessening the shortage of various materials through quicker and better distribution and transport.

The Finance Minister, M. A. C. Zuvorov, indicated that

First Sea Lord In Malta

Valletta, Mar. 17. Admiral Sir Rhoderick McGrigor, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, arrived here today to make a short tour of inspection of naval vessels now in port and of shore installations.

Units now in harbour here include several heavy warships of the Home Fleet, which is paying its first post-war hull-scraping visit to Malta.

The Home Fleet units have been undergoing exercises with the Mediterranean Fleet.—Reuter.

Bevan Speech "Dangerous"

London, Mar. 17. The Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. David Gammans, tonight charged in a speech that Mr. Aneurin Bevan's statement that American policy was ruining Europe was stupid, ungrateful and dangerous. He charged that Mr. Bevan's statement, made in a speech on Sunday, was worth several divisions of troops to Marshal Stalin and that the United Nations forces in Korea and the British forces in Malaya would suffer from it.—United Press.

Mock Trial Of German Red Regime

Brussels, Mar. 17. The International Commission against concentration camp regimes has decided to ask the East German Government again to allow the Commission to investigate camp conditions in the territory before putting it on mock trial on charges of maintaining concentration camps.

This was decided during a two-day committee meeting which ended here today.

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TALKS ON POSITION IN ASIA

Discussions Between Britain And France

London, Mar. 17. Britain and France have discussed the present South-East Asian situation, particularly in Indo-China, it was learned today from a usually reliable source.

It is understood that the discussions, recently held in London, were between the Marquess of Reading, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and M. Jean Létourneau, French Minister for the Associated States of Cambodia and Laos.

M. Létourneau came to London on a private visit last Friday and returned to Paris yesterday. The source said today that the talks between the two Ministers had been of a general nature.

The Sunday newspaper, The Observer, yesterday had approached representatives of the Government of India, without directly calling for Indian mediation, discreetly outlining terms on which they would like to see a settlement of the Indo-Chinese war.

Authoritative British sources here "discussed" such "feelings" and added that inquiries made by the British Government had shown that no such approaches had been made by Vietnam.

British inquiries on this question had been made over a period of several weeks, it was understood here.

M. Létourneau said on his return to Paris from Saigon last week that France did not intend to abandon Indo-China or to negotiate a peace with Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam leader, unless Ho sought negotiations first.—Reuter.

Stolen Car Was Under Straw

London, Mar. 17. While police were searching for a stolen car three Borstal boys hid it under straw for six days in the grounds of Hwell Grange, barless Borstal near Redditch, Worcestershire.

Mr. Fred Longden, M.P. for Small Heath, Birmingham, will ask the Home Secretary in the Commons to explain "the lack of control and observation on the part of Hwell Grange authorities."

The boys repainted the number plates from EOB 287 to EOF 787, and rewired the ignition so that the car could be started without the key.

America And Russia In Rare Agreement

New York, Mar. 17. The experts from the United States and Soviet Russia were the only two in agreement—though for different reasons—in opposing a proposal to call an international conference of journalists and information personnel to adopt a code of ethics.

The United Nations Sub-Commission on freedom of information and the Press, however, expressed itself in favour of such a conference and called upon the next session of the United Nations General Assembly to make funds available for holding the conference not later than Dec. 31, 1953.

Mr. Carrol Binder, the United States expert, asked, "Who will pay for the conference?" If the governments were asked for funds, he said, they expect something for their money.

Equally critical of the draft code of ethics, Mr. Binder said that, as it stood, it was only of historical interest.

He thought that with the world divided as at present, the time for an international journalists' conference was not now, or even in the near future.

M. Vassily M. Zonov, the Soviet expert, said that as the draft code lacked certain provisions that he had proposed—such as making it a fundamental obligation for journalists to fight fascist propaganda, racial discrimination and aggression—a world conference to adopt the code would be useless.

Perhaps, he said, the United Nations would take up the document again at a future date.

Mr. Karim Azkoul, the Lebanese expert, replied to Mr. Binder by stating that a five-member preparatory committee, which the sub-commission had proposed, would deal with the difficulties Mr. Binder had envisaged. As regards M. Zonov's objections, Mr. Azkoul asked why the Soviet delegate should presuppose that the world conference would not reverse the present decision and accept M. Zonov's idea.

An American journalist, writing in the "New York Post" on the work of the sub-commission, said that the under-developed countries, forming the majority of the sub-commission, wanted foreign correspondents to be answerable to an international court of honour for code violations.

"Behind the demands by the under-developed countries," he said, "lies antagonism to the globe-gliding agencies of the United States and Britain."

"The under-developed countries are hypersensitive to anything colonial and have come to regard the great wire services as forms of cultural imperialism. They resent the fact that most of their own news comes from Western agencies."—Reuter.

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A War Ace Will Influence A Country

By John Ivey

A HANDSOME, fair-haired, flamboyant man of 40 is coming to the fore as a dominating figure in the maelstrom of South African politics. You heard a lot about him during the Battle of Britain, when he was very much front page news. Group Captain A. G. "Sailor" Malan—he is the man—is known to most Britons as the fighter pilot who in 1939-41 brought down 32 Nazi aircraft and earned the title of the "greatest-ever fighter ace."

Today, as leader of a quasi-political organisation, the War Veterans' Torch Commando, he is potentially the most powerful figure in South African politics.

It will be this man, unknown in politics a year ago, who will influence to a large extent the Nationalist Government's future racial policy and the widening split between the two major European races in the Union—the British and Afrikaans. "Sailor" Malan denies that his organisation is political, but, nevertheless, it was classified as such last month by a Minister of the Nationalist Government, to the policies of which the Torch Commando is opposed.

Protest Rally

THE Minister warned civil servants against joining this fast-growing organisation on the grounds that their conditions of employment forbade "political affiliation."

Torch Commando was born in dramatic fashion last May, when "Sailor" Malan and a group of fellow ex-Servicemen, angered by the Government's Bill which virtually deprived coloured citizens of the vote, staged a protest demonstration in Johannesburg.

The enthusiasm that followed the demonstration led Malan to hold similar gatherings throughout the Union.

Today, the Commando has a membership of more than 150,000, and it expects to double this figure this year. It should be remembered that the white population of South Africa is only 2,500,000.

Ex-Servicemen, who complain of their ungenerous treatment by the Government since the war, are among the biggest categories of recruits to the movement.

The main declared aim of the Torch Commando is to create "a united South Africa"—to put an end to the differences between the English-speaking and the Afrikaans-speaking sections of the population.

"Sailor" Malan is strongly opposed to the apartheid policy of the Nationalist Government. In fact, the immediate purpose of the Torch Commando is to put out of power the Nationalist Government of Dr. Malan, who is a distant relative of the "Sailor."

Real Concern

THE Government is not alarmed by any fear that Torch Commando is a sister movement bent on luring the Africans and Indians against its members. No one has dared to impute such unjustified motives to the organisation.

The Government's real concern is that Torch Commando, though non-political, is supported by the Opposition—the United Party and that it receives support from a trust founded by the Witwatersrand gold magnates, of which Sir Harry Oppenheimer, multi-millionaire United Party M.P., is a prominent member.

The purpose of the trust, like that of the Commando, is to work for "racial co-operation and the maintenance of democratic ideals."

If the United Party is returned to power in the next election, a number of "Sailor" Malan's followers will probably be occupying seats on Government benches.

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BEHIND the Queen, giving her the closest support in carrying the burden of responsibility that now lies upon her, stands the Duke of Edinburgh. His views must influence her greatly. Who stands most closely behind the Duke? Naturally the Earl and Countess Mountbatten, his uncle and aunt. They may well become the most influential people in Britain.

To Earl Mountbatten the dazzling prospect that opens up may seem strange or unexpected. For he has been near the throne since the day he was born.

But to the Countess the rise must seem as out-of-this-life as a fairy story come true. Recently she celebrated with affection the birth 100 years ago—on March 3, 1852—of the man whose genius made the fairy tale possible.

Extraordinary

THAT man was her grandfather—Sir Ernest Cassel. His was a story even more extraordinary than his grandfather's.

He was born at Cologne, the son of a Jewish money-lender-banker, in a small way of business.

As a boy he played chess so skilfully that his father offered him the choice of becoming a professional chess-player or a banker. It took Ernest a week to decide against chess.

With little more than a bag of

THOSE MOUNTBATTEN MILLIONS

How they were made:
The amazing boy
who made them

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By JOSEPH GARRITY

clothes and a violin, he landed at Liverpool at the age of 10 as an immigrant.

His first job as a clerk in a grain merchant's office brought him 15s. a week. Soon he moved to the London firm of Jewish financiers, Bischoffsheim and Goldsmid (now defunct) and at once began to prove that he was a financial wizard.

With money, as with chess, he seemed to solve with ease the most complex problems, many moves ahead.

By 22 his salary was £5,000 a year. He was regarded by rivals as one of the most brilliant and ambitious men in the world of international finance, as well as one of the hardest and most ruthless.

There seemed no soft spot in his life until suddenly, at 26, he fell in love with Annette Maxwell, a sweet English girl. For the first and only time in his life, the "wolf" entered into a partnership. The marriage, in 1878, proved idyllic.

When, a year later, their daughter Maud was born, Cassel was a man transformed.

His devotion to his wife and baby girl released all the kindness and tenderness that had been repressed in the harsh world of finance.

He was a Jew, Annette a Roman Catholic.

Whenever Annette broached the subject of their religious division Ernest would say, "Why worry about Heaven? Isn't this Heaven enough?"

Alas, the perfect marriage lasted only three years. To make his wife happy in her dying hours Ernest agreed to change his religion to hers.

She died with a smile on her face, but the almost demented husband could not work for six months.

When he did return to his office he began to toll like a man possessed—to build a fortune for his motherless child.

Not once in the next 30 years did he relax his remorseless drive.

Master Builder

NOW in business on his own, his operations were on a breath-taking scale. Everything he touched turned to gold.

He was one of the master-builders of modern Egypt. He first moulded the nation's finances, then carried through the colossal Nile irrigation scheme based on the Assuan Dam, which has been the keystone of Egyptian prosperity.

For this he was knighted. He reconstructed the finances of the Argentine, reorganised the Swedish railways and raised China's great loan after her defeat by Japan.

At home, he amalgamated Vickers-Maxim with the Barrow Shipbuilding Works and was sponsor of the Central London Railway, the original "Two-penny Tube."

As he grew in stature as a world figure he was honoured by nations and kings.

He continued to shower love and luxuries on his only child.

In 1901 she married Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, M.P. for Blackpool, who later became Lord Mount Temple.

A Power

SIR Ernest's philanthropy became a national wonder. His donations to medical research alone totalled more than £2,000,000.

These benefactions opened a friendship with King Edward VII.

Cassel became one of that powerful group of people round the Prince of Wales (and later the King) at the turn of the century.

The set included such diverse figures as the elegant and brilliant Portuguese aristocrat, the Marquis de Soveral, Sir Thomas Lipton, the poor Glaswegian boy who became a grocery millionaire, and the beautiful Mrs George Keppel, so close a friend of the King that Queen Alexandra led her to his death-bed.

Of all the men, Sir Ernest Cassel was Edward's closest friend. In fact he was nicknamed "Windsor Cassel."

His Death

SOME years later, trying to pick up the threads of life again, Cassel invited the teenage Edwina to act as hostess at Brook House.

How proud the old man would have been to have seen her married to Lord Louis Mountbatten—son of a former prince of his own native land and cousin to the King of his adopted country.

But, alas, cheated Cassel again. He died a few months before the wedding.

Of the £6,000,000 he left most of it went in trust to Lady Mountbatten and her sister.

His palace in Park Lane went to Edwina. A great block of luxury flats now stands upon the site of it, carrying the old name Brook House. On top of it Lady Mountbatten built a fabulous two-floor mansion, but does not now occupy it.

Broadlands, her 80-roomed mansion set in 6,000 acres of magnificent parkland at Romsey, Hants, was a family inheritance on the death in 1939 of her father, who was the great-nephew and heir of the famous Lord Palmerston.

Students of heredity declare that the Countess Mountbatten inherited more than riches from her powerful grandfather.

They see in her more than a trace of his brains, shrewd judgment, and bold personality. She is, they say, a chip off the old Cassel block.

NOTE: Countess Mountbatten passed through Hongkong last week on her way to Korea to visit British troops there.

THE FAITH HEALERS

Report No. 3... by HUGH CLELAND

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has a queue
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CANCER, TOO

I asked Mr Wood whether he considered spiritual healing as applicable to organic as to psychological disease. He said: "That is an artificial distinction. All illnesses, functional (or psychological) and organic, have a spiritual background."

While at a theological college in Australia, he became interested in healing.

"I would say cancer was a psychological thing with, behind it, fear, resentment, some inability to love. The division is old-fashioned; it can no longer be held because the medical profession realises that most illnesses have a mental condition, and we clergy know that behind the illness is a spiritual condition."

"Even infection from germs is for more liable if there is not spiritual health in a person."

He quoted a 13-year-old case in which it had been claimed that a 38½lb. malignant tumour had disappeared when its victim, a woman, was "in a vision."

I asked where that had taken place. "In America," Mr Wood said. "The woman is still living, and the case was described in her book, 'Everyman's Search,' by Rebecca Beard, the writer."

I asked Mr Wood whether, with healing could be used in the case of broken bones. He said: "There is on record the case of a woman whose wrist was

confirmed as fractured by X-ray. She was anointed, and eight days later another X-ray was taken. It showed the fracture had healed."

In that case, Mr Wood said, the ministering healer had been the Rev. Jim Wilson of the Guild of Health. The healing happened two to three years ago, Mr Wood thought.

He quoted another case, of a child with a fractured base of the skull. This was in Kent, also two years ago. The child had been ministered to by Miss Dorothy Kerin, who for many years practised healing in Ealing and now works at Groubridge.

"Four days after the little girl had been ministered to she was out in the fields, making hay," Mr Wood said.

The London Mission has nearly 500 intercessors who pray for the sick and another 1,000 who keep in touch with it.

When sick people or their friends write to the Mission for help through prayer their names are distributed among the intercessors who are divided into groups of ten. Each group receives four or five new names each month. Only the Christian names are used and bare details of the case are given. "At the moment," said Mr Wood, "sufferers have to queue up to be prayed for."

"Generally," he said, "people come to us seeking help because they are not getting it from medical science. Every now and then a doctor will get into touch with us."

LOST FAITH

"We try to protect people from publicity," he said, when I asked about individuals healed through the Mission. "He told one story, though, of a woman living in a London suburb, who had cancer. 'She and her husband had dropped their prayer life, they'd got into a pretty low state over this cancer,' Mr Wood said."

"The wife had lost faith, the husband had not quite lost it, and wrote to us."

Mr Wood, a short, dark, round-faced man, visited the woman. He performed the laying-on of hands. "I went back in a fortnight," he said. "My guidance was to get them back to their Communion. They did have Holy Communion, and I laid on hands again. Not long afterwards, the woman got up."

"From the doctor's point of view," he said, "you won't prove that this woman's free of the disease, unless she's free for 20 years. But at least she's alive, and she wasn't expected to be."

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A MUTTON CHOP BY TELEGRAM

So many people wanting money or favours—or both—pestered Bernard Shaw that he had postcards printed: "Please do not ask Mr Bernard Shaw for money. He has not enough to help the large number of his readers who are in urgent need of it. He cannot write for you; he cannot amuse you."

Jack Dempsey, dining with the late Lord Northcliffe at Carlton Gardens and apparently feeling that he owed his host some return for his entertainment, said: "I cannot make a speech and I cannot sing, but I'll fight anyone in this room."

Sickert, the painter, living in Brighton and suddenly peckish for a choice mutton chop of the sort he loved, would order one from his butcher by telegram.

These are three of many anecdotes about the famous and

James Lasser

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday, 29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The time interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (30 in all). Through Tickets at \$72.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong or 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator-Investors is drawn to the following rules—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies so declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later.

Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once Investor have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course. The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

ENTRIES FOR COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS CLOSE ON FRIDAY

Entries for the Colony Athletic Championships, which will be held at Sookunpoo on Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, close on Friday morning. There will be an additional event — the Hammer Throw — as there have been several requests for its inclusion.

The Inter-School Championships started this morning with the heats and preliminaries at Caroline Hill and will be continued on Thursday, with the finals being decided on Friday.

The Army Individual Championships will be contested on Friday and Saturday at Boundary Street. The list of best performances appended here will see new names and better performances by next Monday, but as it stands at present it gives a fair indication of the general standard of athletics in Hongkong this year and a guide to championship hopes.

Intending entrants who have applied for and not yet received entry forms are asked to contact Mr F. J. Tingy, the Hon. Secretary, at Tel. 32189 during office hours.

Best Performances in Hongkong in 1952

Best performances by Colony athletes in January, February and March follow:

100 YARDS

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 10.2
Norman Lo (University) 10.3
Cheung Yat-hung (SCAA) 10.4
L/Cpl. Daniels (Army) 10.4
Shek Ka-lim (SCAA) 10.5
L. Shelley (Milecarians) 10.5
Fung Kuit-lee (Wah Yan) 10.6
Quentin Almas (KGVS) 10.7

100 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 10.9
Cheung Yat-hung (SCAA) 11.2
L. Laurence (La Salle) 11.2
L/Cpl. Daniels (Army) 11.3
Fung Kuit-lee (Wah Yan) 11.4
Wong Man-woon (SCAA) 11.4
Robert Wong (St Stephen's) 11.5

200 METRES

Stephen Xavier (La Salle) 22.5
Rgt. Hamzah (RAF) 22.8
Shek Ka-lim (SCAA) 23.7
Norman Lo (University) 24.0
L. Laurence (La Salle) 24.0
L. Shelley (Milecarians) 24.2
Fung Kuit-lee (Wah Yan) 24.2
Si English (Police) 24.3

400 METRES

Norman Lo (University) 53.7
L/Cpl. T. E. Williams (Army) 53.3
Capt. Lambie (Milecarians) 53.3
Norman Lo (University) 53.3
Paihoon Bencharat (DBS) 54.4
Lockwood (EYMCA) 54.8
Fung Kuit-lee (Wah Yan) 54.8
Ho Sal-hung (SCAA) 57.0
Hoi Sang-tuck (University) 57.1

800 METRES

Sgt. J. P. MacMahon (EYMCA) 2:03.0
L. McCord (Milecarians) 2:07.5
Lo Wing-chuen (La Salle) 2:08.7
Norman Lo (University) 2:08.8
Lee Shiu-chung (SCAA) 2:11.2
Cfn. Frank Taylor (EYMCA) 2:11.5
Fung Kuit-lee (Wah Yan) 2:14.5
Cheung Chek-yin (SCAA) 2:16.7

1,500 METRES

Sgt. J. P. MacMahon (EYMCA) 4:27.5
Cfn. Frank Taylor (EYMCA) 4:28.8
L. McCord (Milecarians) 4:31.0
Sgt. Barnes (EYMCA) 4:36.0
Lee Shiu-chung (SCAA) 4:38.4
Chen Chi-kuen (Queen's) 4:45.8
M. Wilcox (KGVS) 4:48.2
Wong Kai-lui (SCAA) 4:50.1
Ivan George (DBS) 5:01.1
Lo Peng-kee (Wah Yan) 5:06.6

ONE MILE

Sgt. J. P. MacMahon (EYMCA) 14:19.8
Sgt. Peter West (RE) 14:19.8
Cfn. Frank Taylor (EYMCA) 14:21.2
L. McCord (Milecarians) 14:21.2
Rfn. Sears (RUH) 14:40.0
Sgt. Barnes (EYMCA) 14:41.4
Gnr. N. Lee (25 Field RA) 14:50.8
Capt. Norman Phillips (Army) 15:00.0
Lee Shiu-chung (SCAA) 15:01.0
Gnr. Hodgson (175 Loc. Bty.) 15:04.2

THREE MILES

Sgt. Peter West (RE) 15:15.2
Stepping (RUH) 15:17.7
Gnr. Coburn (45 Field RA) 15:19.2
Tucker (RUH) 15:23.0
L. J. Dyer (Milecarians) 15:47.5
Sgt. Barnes (EYMCA) 15:53.3
Chen Chi-kuen (SCAA) 17:27.4
Lee Kam-hung (SCAA) 18:17.4
Wong Cheung-lam (SCAA) 19:33.3

5,000 METRES

Sgt. Peter West (Army) 19:39.8
Cheung Yat-hung (SCAA) 19:41.2
L/Cpl. Daniels (Army) 19:41.2
Lee Kam-hung (SCAA) 19:42.0
Wong Cheung-lam (SCAA) 19:42.2

10 METRES HURDLES

L. J. Dyer (Milecarians) 38.5
A. Colloco (La Salle) 39.0
Chen Chi-kuen (Wah Yan) 39.2
Cheng Man-ching (DBS) 39.7
U. S. Ship (St Stephen's) 39.7
Paul Yap (University) 39.7

400 METRES HURDLES

A. Colloco (La Salle) 43.8
Th. H. Carlton (Army) 43.8
L. J. Dyer (Milecarians) 43.8
Ho Sal-hung (SCAA) 43.8
Hing Chu-yang (SCAA) 43.8
Ng Tak-chung (Kowloon City) 43.8

HIGH JUMP

Peter Grant (EYMCA) 51.0
Ling Sum (Wah Yan) 51.0
George Thum (La Salle) 51.0
Yan Wal-lay (Kowloon City) 51.0
Ding Wu (DBS) 51.0
L. Fortune (RASC) 51.0
Sgt. Walker (Army) 51.0
Cntr. Hui (25 Field RA) 51.0
Gnr. Myrton (175 Loc. Bty.) 51.0

POLE VAULT

Yee Tai-kuen (SCAA) 10.9
F/Sgt. K. E. Wake (RAF) 10.9
Kwang Lau-chin (SCAA) 10.9
Gnr. Myrton (175 Loc. Bty.) 10.9
Nathan (RUH) 10.9
Chen Wal-lam (Wah Yan) 10.9
Yee Tai-kuen (SCAA) 10.9
J. Livermore (Milecarians) 10.9
P. Smith (RUH) 10.9
L. Quindley (45 Field RA) 10.9

LONG JUMP

Sgt. T. Moyan (Army) 31.2
S/Sgt. Yee (EYMCA) 31.2
Chen Wal-lam (SCAA) 31.2
Dnr. Humphreys (RASC) 31.2
L. T. Carpenter (Milecarians) 31.2
Nathan (RUH) 31.2
L/Cpl. Lowe (RTR) 31.2
Hing Chu-yang (SCAA) 31.2
Cheng Man-ching (DBS) 31.2

SHOT PUT

Chen Wal-lam (SCAA) 37.5
Col. Douglas (Army) 37.5
McAvey (EYMCA) 37.5
Bdr. Hall (25 HAA) 37.5
L. Arnold (45 Field RA) 37.5
TSM. Weller (University) 37.5
Dnr. Humphreys (RASC) 37.5
Parker (EYMCA) 37.5

DISCUS THROW

L/Cpl. P. Williams (Army) 109.2
Sgt. T. Moyan (Army) 109.2
Chen Wal-lam (SCAA) 109.2
L. Arnold (45 Field RA) 109.2
TSM. Weller (University) 109.2
Dnr. Humphreys (RASC) 109.2
Parker (EYMCA) 109.2

JAVELIN THROW

Chen Wal-lam (SCAA) 102.4
L. Arnold (45 Field RA) 102.4
L. Fothergill (Middlesex) 102.4
L. Arnold (45 Field RA) 102.4
Mace (REME) 102.4
Bdr. Hall (25 HAA) 102.4
Sgt. Barnes (EYMCA) 102.4
Sgt. Barnes (EYMCA) 102.4
RSM Weller (Middlesex) 102.4

GIRLS' EVENTS

Lam Kok-lai (SCAA) 12.9
Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 12.9
Poon Ching-woon (Pui To) 12.9
Shirley Winter (KGVS) 12.9
Fok Wing-shing (SCAA) 12.9
Joyce Avasia (University) 12.9
Dorothy Hurlbut (KGVS) 12.9
Julia Timney (KGVS) 12.9
Jennifer Hart (KGVS) 12.9

100 METRES

Wong Yee-man (SCAA) 13.7
Julia Timney (KGVS) 13.7
Lam Kok-lai (SCAA) 13.7
Jennifer Hart (EYMCA) 13.7
Joan Atherton (EYMCA) 13.7
Shirley Winter (KGVS) 13.7

200 METRES

Jennifer Hart (KGVS) 29.1
Corin Crozier (KGVS) 29.1
Rita Hall (KGVS) 29.1
Margaret Mackerell (KGVS) 29.1
Fok Wing-shing (SCAA) 29.1
Leung Sau-hang (Clement) 29.1
Poon Ching-woon (Pui To) 29.1

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The light signals hitherto used to signify that an objection has been lodged and the result thereof have been amended as follows—

Objection. RED Square with white border.
Objection Sustained. BLUE Square with white border.
Objection Overruled. YELLOW Square with white border.

These signals will be exhibited on the Totalisator Tower in the positions previously occupied by the signal lights and the Spheres will be dispensed with.

The objection signal only (Red square with White border) will flash for a short period before it becomes static.

The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a White light and will be exhibited below the objection signals.

H. MISA,

Secretary.

Teddy Gardner Outpoints

Terry Allen

Newcastle, Mar. 17.

Teddy Gardner, of Hartlepool, won the British and vacant Empire Flyweight boxing titles and retained his European flyweight crown when he outpointed the British Champion, Terry Allen, over 15 rounds at St. James' Hall here tonight.

Gardner, 30-year-old balding publican from West Hartlepool, deserved his victory over Allen, a former World Champion, but the margin separating the two boxers must have been narrow. The referee, Mr Peter Muir, however, had no hesitation in awarding Gardner the decision. Allen was clearly disappointed at the result.

The European title, which Gardner won a month ago, was also at stake tonight.

It was an interesting bout but not an exciting one. Neither man appeared to have a punch strong enough to do any serious damage.

Gardner went down three times. He was wrestled to the floor in the third round, was caught off balance in the fifth and he slipped in the ninth. He was never in serious difficulty.

In the early rounds it seemed that Allen's more forceful style would win him the fight, but he found Gardner an elusive target. It was Gardner's skill in the last round which probably earned him the decision. His defence was superb and he did most of the scoring at close quarters.

The boxing at times reached a high standard, but on occasions developed into a discussion.

Gardner has now won three championships inside of a month after boxing for more than 15 years.

After the fight, Allen said: "The decision surprised me. I thought I had deserved it because I did nearly all the attacking."

As the weigh-in Gardner scaled 110 lbs. 14 ozs. and Allen 111 lbs. 8 ozs.—Reuter.

HKRA SHOOT

The Hongkong Rifle Association's regular fortnightly practice shoot was held at Kai Tak on Sunday with a large attendance of 70 members. The weather condition was fair, temperature 78, with variable light winds. Some score returns were very good.

The winners of spoons in the different classes were as follows: S.R. (a) Class A—Major Wilson, 89; Class B—1. Nancy Kong 89; 2. M. Levar 87; 3. Stevens 84; Class C—1. Sgt. Knight 90; 2. Armstrong 85; 3. G. Simmons 82.

S.R. (b) Class A—1. A.F. Xavier 89; 2. L. A. Rozario 93; 3. T.K. Sun 91; Class B—1. David Wong 82; 2. Pang Shun 91; 3. J. DaCosta 90; Class C—Miss Brown 74.

The next practice shoot will take place at Kai Tak on Sunday, March 30, at 9 a.m. Firing at 200, 300, and 600 yards.



Gordon Channing, captain of St. Joseph's College Junior Soccer XI, receives the Lugard Bowl for the Schools' Junior Soccer League Championship from the Director of Education, the Hon. D. J. S. Crozier.



The St. Joseph's College Senior and Junior teams with Mr "Bert" Tennel and the Rev. Bro. Cronan and the four trophies they won — the Archie Goldenberg Cup, the David Louis Memorial Cup, the Lugard Bowl and the Walter Pryde Memorial Cup. — China Mail Photos.

Ewo's Defeat Of Middlesex Was The Only Surprise Of First Seven-a-Side Round

By "HANLINCODE"

The commencement of the Rugger Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Charity Shield was watched by a goodly and appreciative crowd on Saturday afternoon at Sookunpoo. The brilliant sunshine suited the spectators and made the outing perfect in view of the enthusiasm shown by each and every one of the competing teams.

Up to the close of play, when 13 of the opening matches had been played off, the only surprise was the defeat of the Middlesex Regiment, minus their star Clayden, by Ewo (Jardines).

Apart from this upset, all the other games went according to expectation, although many present thought that Club "A" were extremely lucky to win their match against 3rd Royal Tank "A".

I will give here a brief resume of the matches as they were played off.

A good hard game with little science, but most enjoyable to watch.

AA W/S REME 0-RAF "B" 10.

In Hamzah the Fliers have a potential match winner, if they utilise his speed to the best advantage.

Dampier Penguins 3-Club "B" 8.

Superior football knowledge won Club this game, but Dampier are a very fine side. Dampier's senior seven will be watched with interest.

Tamar Tigers 10-RAF "A" 0.

In Tamar we have a potential finalist, but they have Club "A" to meet before that. Definitely one of the two best teams on view, but one must remember, against little opposition. Why the Fliers played beyond any comprehension.

Most of the spectators seemed to be of the opinion that RAF could have fielded a better "A" seven.

Talked 6-Willshire "B" 3.

Talked (B. & S.) won after extra time. Next to the Club Talked this was the most exciting game of the afternoon.

HKPT School 0-0 FOD (RAO) 18.

In the losing seven were three Chinese players. They looked keen and enjoyed themselves. This augurs well for next season.

27 HAA "B" 0-HK Police "A" 3.

In this match the Police "A" were extremely lucky to win, 27th put up a stout effort. The winners did not seem to settle down at all well and must use

a cooler breeze and a softer ground.

MONDAY'S SEVENS (at Club Ground, Happy Valley)

23 Field Regt. 10-173 Loc. Bty. 0.

This was a good, hard game and pleasant to watch.

Royal Ulster Rifles v. Tamar Cubes.

This game was not played owing to the Royal Ulster Rifles not turning up and so awarding a walkover to Tamar Cubes.

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day may have had something to do with it.

Argyle "A" 0-27 (Strangers) Bty. 3.

This too was a good game with very little between the teams. HQ lost a man just before the interval and this handicapped their efforts.

45 Field Regt. 11-27 HAA. QV. C. T. "A" 0.

A very keen game and much more even than the score shows. Bellamy's speed won the day but it is interesting to note that all the points came in the first half.

Tamar Tigers 13-6 FOD (RAO) 0.

The Tigers won this quite well but did not run up the large score expected. The 6 FOD played on energetic and bustling game and did very creditably against such opposition.

Willshire "A" 11-Ewo 5.

The Wills were a better team yesterday than they were Saturday, but Ewo extended them somewhat.

Club "B" 0-HK Police "A" 3.

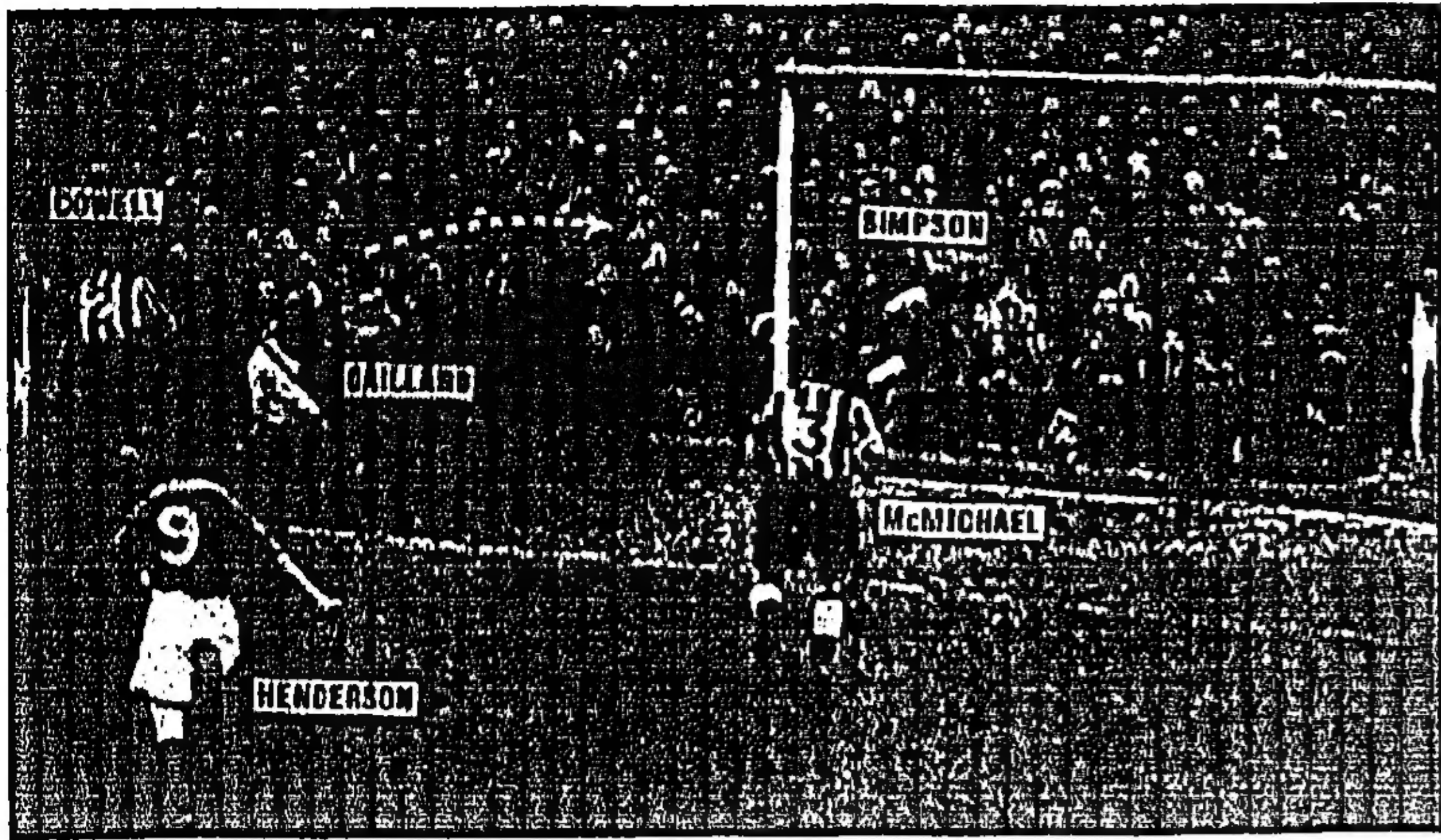
Again the Police were lucky to win. Club "B" had hard luck, because for a good 25 percent of the game they never left the Police 25-yard area.

The referees were Messrs Evans, Dodds, Somerville and McClintock.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP DRAW

The Rugby League Cup semi-final draw made today resulted: Workington Town v. Barnley; Leigh v. Featherstone Rovers. The matches are to be played on March 29.—Reuter.

WHEN POMPEY'S HOPES WERE HIGH



When Gaillard headed this goal in the third minute for Portsmouth, the Pompey fans visualised their team getting through to the semi-final but Newcastle fought back in great fashion and three goals by Jackie Millburn and one by Robledo earned them the right to meet Blackburn in the semi-final on March 29. Simpson, Newcastle goal-keeper, can be seen diving backwards but the ball, seen on extreme right, had beaten him to it. — Express Photo.

Visiting Macao Hockey Teams Put Up Two Scintillating Displays

The two teams which the Macao Hockey Club brought to the Colony over the week-end provided hockey enthusiasts with some scintillating displays on the Police ground, Boundary Street, where they played all their games.

The Colony teams, Thunderbolts "A" and Argonauts "A", proved to be no match for the Macao senior team, although Macao were unused to the fast conditions of the ground.

Macao's teamwork was superb as they seemed to know by instinct where their teammates were positioned and their passes seldom went astray. The thrust with which each forward movement was pressed home has not been rivalled by any of our Hongkong teams this season.

OUTSTANDING

If anyone is to be picked out as outstanding from a splendid team, it should be Alberto Almeida on the left wing, which is always a difficult position to fill.

But with his deft stickwork and his speed he was always dangerous and, having mastered the intricacies of playing on a sand pitch, he scored two brilliant goals against the Argonauts besides contributing to others.

The home teams played gallantly and gave a good account of themselves, but they were definitely outshone as the results—5-1 against Thunderbolts and 6-1 against Argonauts—show.

The Macao "B" team was not quite so outstanding. After a close game they beat Thunderbolts "B" 2-0 on Saturday and on Sunday they were beaten 1-0 by Argonauts "B".

These matches were friendly games and this adjective aptly describes the clean and sportsmanlike hockey that was seen on this visit.

LEAGUE MATCHES

In the League, the Thunderbolts gave the Recreio seniors a run for their money, but finally went down 2-0. This was another fast, clean game with Recreio getting rather the better of the play as well as the score.

In the only other First Division match, the Hongkong Hockey Club made quite sure that they would not join the Police at the bottom of the division by turning out a full team, a memorable feat, and trouncing the Police to the tune of 8-1. This rather robust game was marred by several injuries.

In the Second Division, Argonauts "B" had a busy and successful week-end as, besides beating the Macao juniors, they took on Army "B" on Saturday afternoon.

This match, virtually for the leadership of the Division, came to an inconclusive finish as, after a closely fought game, the result was a one-all draw.

Not content with these two strenuous fixtures, Argonauts "B" had a third hard match on Sunday morning in which they defeated their keen rivals, Nav Bharat, by the wide margin of six goals to none.

Pedro Xavier, the crafty Argonaut centre-forward, had a field day and chinked up four goals to his credit and this against a steady defence that, thus far in the season, had never conceded more than two goals in any one game.

The HKAAF, who play remarkably good hockey for a team in their lowly position in the League, had quite a good share of the play in their match against the YMCA, but they just don't have the finishing power actually to score the goals.

YMCA, whose goal-scoring machine leaves nothing to be desired, managed to notch up six goals to win comfortably.

One of these goals was scored by Drake, the YMCA left full-back, who plays such an aggressive game at back that several times previously in the season he has been close to scoring.

The other underdogs of the League, Aces and Nau Jawan, went down to their opponents, Dutch HC and Recreio "B", by the comfortable margins of 5-1 and 1-1.

LADIES' LEAGUE

In the Ladies' League the match of the season took place between Gremlins and Recreio on the Police ground. The Gremlins struck a good patch of form and, in front of a sizeable and excited crowd, they improved their Championship chances by romping home winners 4-1.

It, as seems likely, the League ends up in a tie, it is understood that a deciding match will be played to decide the Championship, which will not go on goal average. If this deciding match is required, it is probable that the venue will be a deciding factor.

In another match, surprisingly decisive, the Victorians overhauled the KGV "A" team in the League by beating them 7-2 at Sookanpoo. It looks as though there may well be another tie for third place in this League.

Other results were: Little Flowers 1, KGV "B" 0; Dorians 3, Widgets 0.

Callover On The Lincolnshire & Grand National

London, Mar. 17.

The closing offers on the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National Steeplechase at the Victoria Club callover here tonight were:

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (1 Mile on March 20)

100 to 8 Abraham's Star and Titian.
100 to 7 Llanstephan, and Rising Flame.
100 to 6 Benbow.
20 to 1 St. Ives.
25 to 1 Capsize and Dutch Clover.
28 to 1 Stratolight.
33 to 1 Histories Field, El Ayashy, Phaziza, Justice Jury and Valdesco.
40 to 1 Keapatwaatwo, Val de Lait and London Wall.
50 to 1 Merry Prince.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHEASE

4 Miles, 856 Yards on April 5.
100 to 9 Royal Tan.
100 to 7 Freebooter.
100 to 6 Teal.
20 to 1 Pearly Prince.
25 to 1 Overshadow, Early Mist and Icy Calm.
33 to 1 Another Delight, Richmond and Menzies.
40 to 1 Dominick's Bar, Border Luck, St. Kathleen, Wot No Sun, Skyrholm and Starik Bay.
50 to 1 Cardinal Error and Kelek.
65 to 1 Brown Wren III and Russian Hero.

The next callover on both races will be held next Thursday, March 20.—Reuter.

Colleges' Meet

A triangular athletic meeting between Northcote Training College, Grantham Training College and the Rural Training College will be held at Caroline Hill Stadium on Tuesday, April 1, commencing at 2 p.m. Mr Kwok Chan, JP, has consented to distribute the trophies at 4.30 p.m.

K.Y. TSO STRIKES BRILLIANT FORM IN JUNIOR BADMINTON SEMI-FINALS

By "ARGONAUT"

Ex-Schoolboy Doubles Champion K. Y. Tso claimed top honours yesterday when the first seven semi-finals of the Colony Schoolboys', Schoolgirls' and Junior Badminton Championships were decided at St. Teresa's Hall.

Striking brilliant form, the improving youngster was largely responsible for the two upsets of the evening. In the Men's Junior Doubles, Tso, in partnership with Wong Kang-chow, scored the best win of the evening, when the pair surprisingly eliminated the top favourites, L. H. Tan and S. T. Hooi of University, in two straight sets, 15-8 and 15-9.

Adopting the offensive from the opening service, the winners set and maintained a whirlwind pace throughout the game, giving the underdogs little chance to settle down. The underdogs tried hard to wrest the initiative, but accurate hard smashes by Tso and lightning follow-ups by Wong kept them on the defensive for the greater part of the game.

COMMANDING LEAD

Tso and Wong took a 3-0 lead in the opening set, and forged ahead to 5-2. On their next two services, they reeled off six points in a row to take a commanding lead of 11-3. The underdogs rallied back to 8-12, but after two scoreless services each, Tso and Wong scored three successive points for the first set.

After being held momentarily to 3-3 in the set, the winners again went ahead to 4-4 and Tso served through four good points to take his side to 10-5. Hooi and Tan stepped up and gradually closed in to 9-10. They held their opponents to a blank score on the changeover of services, but could not make any headway on their own services. Tso and Wong rattled off five points in succession to end the set and match.

Tso's second upset triumph of the evening was in the Junior Mixed Doubles, when in partnership with his mother, Mrs W. K. Tso, he edged out the Recreio combination of Mrs Margie Rozario and C. M. Quinn in three sets.

Both pairs were equally matched, and the first two sets were closely contested with young Tso enjoying a slight advantage in speed and good net drops.

Margie Rozario, who was playing with a bandaged ankle, gave a more than creditable performance at the net, but the efforts of the first two sets began to tell on her injured ankle.

Spanish Marquis Descends Upon Scotland Yard

London, Mar. 17.

The Spanish owner of the race horse, Mercury IV, arrived in London by air from Paris today to visit Scotland Yard.

The Marquis said on Saturday that he had engaged a private detective to investigate what happened to Mercury IV at a recent race at Hurst Park, when the horse finished 12th. He said he intended to take the matter up with Scotland Yard and added: "The Stewards made no inquiry into the running of my horse."

Mr J. Riddan, who trains for the Marquis, said on Saturday that the running of Mercury IV and of Magnibols, another of the Marquis's horses, which finished last in the Hurst Park race, was "just too bad to be true."

When they returned to the stables they appeared to be listless, but he was in the dark as to how they could have been "got at."—Reuter.

Snooker League

Results of the George Younger Snooker League matches played last night were: K.C.C. "A" beat Club Lusitano "B" 4-1; South China beat H.Q.F. 4-1.

SUB JUDICE

By Henry Longhurst

Last week, in a match at Addington, I halved with a young gentleman from Oxford, who, if he plays in a modest position in the singles, does at least partner the captain in the top foursome.

This meritorious achievement is mentioned not merely as a hint to the selectors of the Old Carthusian team for the Halford Hewitt Cup at Deal, but as an excuse to record that it was done largely with a club which has been illegal in England for the best part of 50 years.

This, of course, is the centre-shafted, or Schenectady, putter which was, as it were, made an honest club of in the recent new rules. So called after its inventor, a Mr A. W. Knight of that city (New York State, pop. 95,092), the Schenectady putter sprang into the headlines at Sandwich in 1904, when the American Walter J. Travis, tight-lipped and embittered, not, I believe, without some cause—believed a specimen from a compatriot overnight, and with it putted his way through the championship to a victory greeted, as I have read, with loud silence.

"If you put a nib on it," one overawed spectator remarked, "he could write with it."

BLACK MAGIC

After a decent interval of a year or two the club was banned in Britain and has ever since, human nature being what it is, been credited with magical properties.

While in America with the Ryder Cup team I naturally experimented with various models, but should not, I think, have acquired one had I not had it thrust into my hand as a gift. I ought not, therefore, to look it in the mouth, but I must confess that with its curved, up-turned heel it might better have been designed for raking out the boiler.

Watching Hogan practising at Pinehurst with half-a-dozen balls from 15 feet ("You watch. He'll hole the lot," said a man beside me, and he did), I timidly approached the Great Man for a verdict on my new weapon. His lip curled slightly. Brandishing it to and fro with hairy wrist, he observed that it flew off half its brass head, might just be playable—but on the whole he thought not.

His own, incidentally, is a tall, very upright, comparatively light-headed affair with only about half an inch of heel projecting. Giving at least as good an imitation of him as Glenn Ford in the film, I had one putt with it and holed out, bang in the middle from six yards.

At home the verdict has yet to be passed. The case of Schenectady versus The People is still, so to speak, sub judice. At 23 a time—possibly more after Tuesday—people cannot afford the experimental mania which we might have expected in the bad old days.

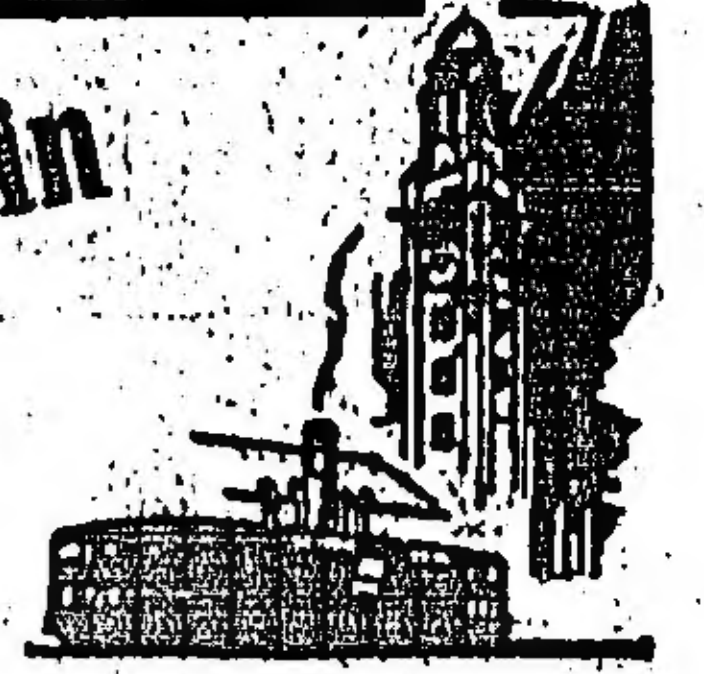
RIDICULED OUT

John Beck, it is true, achieved unwilling notoriety by appearing in the President's Putter with a vertically-shafted mallet which he used, croquet fashion, from between the legs. It had, he said, "robbed short putts of all their terrors." But alas, ridicule from the sidelines sent it temporarily back into the bag, and nothing was proved.

My own instrument turns out to have certain curious qualities. If, for instance, after "lining up" almost as carefully as in the old days with the Bofors gun, and placing the ball exactly opposite the bottom of the shaft, you can then catch it correctly, it "drives," painlessly like a cricket bat when you catch one on the spring. If you fail to connect with the spring, the ball goes nowhere.

Again, on the long putts it takes an enormous divot—big enough, at any rate, to pick up and replace with a deprecating clearing of the throat—though some attribute this to the carpenter rather than the tool. It is, thus, however, one undeniable virtue. With its rounded heel exactly fitting the crook of the right forefinger, it makes the perfect walking-stick. Its golfing fate may rest in the balance—its place in the umbrella stand remains assured.

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International Boxing Clubs Of New York And Illinois Face Court Proceedings

New York, Mar. 17.

The United States Government today accused the International Boxing Clubs of New York and Illinois with conspiring to monopolise professional championship boxing in America.

The Department of Justice complaint, made in a civil action in the Federal Court, said that the clubs obtained contracts from champions and leading contenders in all major weight divisions, requiring them, as a condition of participating in title bouts, to box exclusively for the International Boxing Clubs.

Mr Melvin C. Williams of the Justice Department's Anti-Trust Division, said that the clubs had promoted or participated in the presentation of about 90 per cent of all championship contests since 1949.

MONOPOLY ACCUSATION
The owners of the clubs, Mr James D. Herrie of New York, and Mr Arthur M. Wirtz of Chicago, were accused of conspiring to restrain and monopolise championship boxing bouts.

In Washington, Mr J. Howard McGrath, the United States Attorney-General, said that the suit against the International Boxing Clubs was aimed at "removing the monopolistic control of professional championship boxing imposed by these defendants."

Through their means of obtaining contracts, the complaint added, the IBC had excluded others from the promotion of such fights, and controlled the sale of radio, television and motion picture rights at the contests.

The defendants were also accused of obtaining exclusive

use of all principal arenas in New York, Chicago, and other large cities suitable for staging championship bouts.

Through the alleged conspiracy the complaint said the defendants had succeeded in 1949 in eliminating the Tournament of Champions, Incorporated, the leading competing promoter of championship matches.—Reuter.

France's Olympic Swimming Hope

Paris, Mar. 15.

France's 16-year-old Olympic swimming hero, Gilbert Bozon, last night beat the European 100 metres back stroke record with a time of one minute and 4.3 seconds.

Swimming in the 25-metre pool at Troyes, he beat the mark of one minute and 4.9 seconds set up by his compatriot, Georges Vallieres on July 26, 1949.—Reuter.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1952.

U.S. Army Mission To Stay In Iran For Time Being

Washington, Mar. 17.

The State Department spokesman, Michael McDermott, announced today that the United States Army Training Mission will remain in Iran temporarily to give the American and Iranian Governments time to work out an agreement for its continued operation.

The agreement under which the United States administration and supply training mission is functioning in Iran expires on March 20.

The group is distinct from the Military Aid Mission which has ceased to function in Iran. The latter mission was involved in the training of Iranian soldiers in handling and the use of military equipment provided by the United States.

When the Iranian Government declined to sign a new mutual security agreement with the United States the mission's activities were suspended on Jan. 20 last.

Mr. McDermott told a Press briefing that the administration and supply mission had been functioning in Iran since 1943. The group is headed by Major-General Wayne Zimmerman, it is restricted to instructing Iranian soldiers on procedures and methods in the field of logistics.

Mr. McDermott said that the Zimmerman mission had been operating in Iran under a bilateral agreement renewed annually since 1947. The Iranian Government had not yet accepted a proposed renewal of the accord for the year beginning this March 20.

TIME TO CONSULT

"The United States Government consented to allow the mission to remain in Iran temporarily under the same conditions as heretofore so that the two Governments might have sufficient time to consult regarding the future of the mission," Mr. McDermott said. He declined to speculate how long the Zimmerman group might continue to operate without any agreement.

Border Shooting

London, Mar. 17.

Yugoslav soldiers today shot and killed a man in an Albanian soldier's uniform on the Yugoslav border, the Tanjug news agency reported in a broadcast monitored here. The despatch said that the Yugoslav patrol encountered three armed men 600 feet inside Yugoslav territory and opened fire.—United Press.

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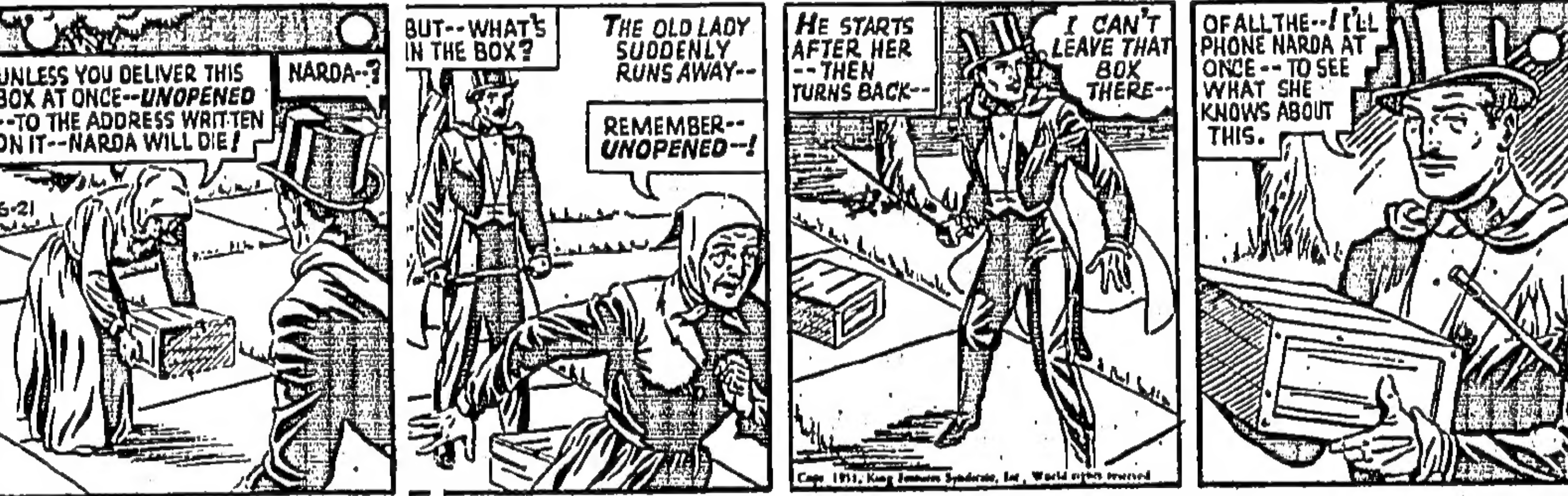
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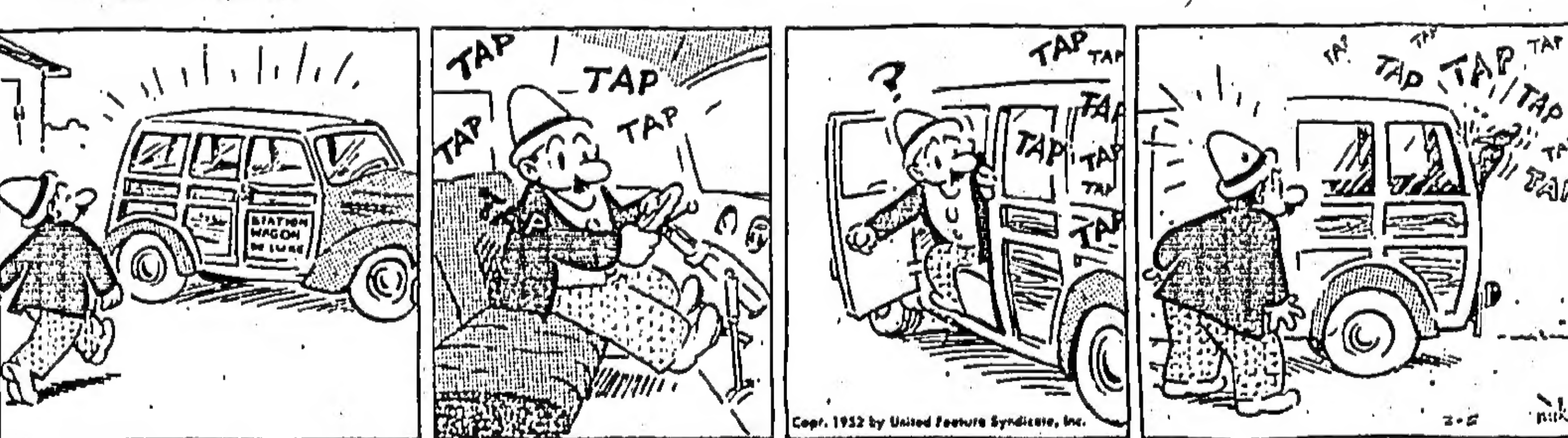
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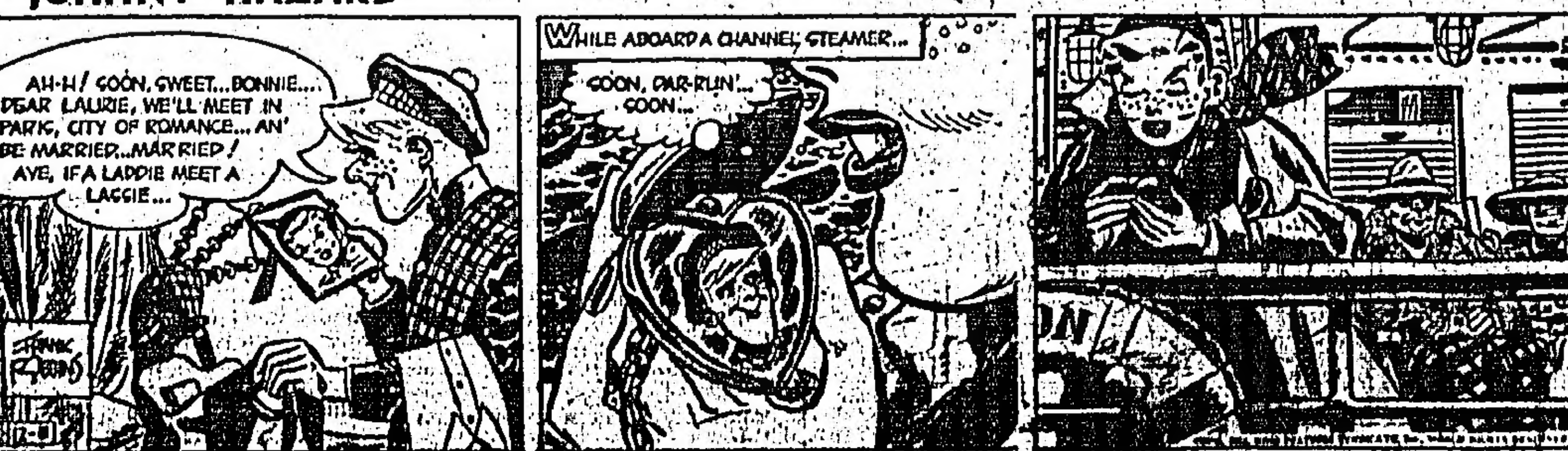
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Devil's Isle Man Tells Grim Tale

Paris, Mar. 17.

Emile Courget, who escaped from Devil's Island 20 years ago, and for the past 14 years lived as a respectable married businessman in the United States, came home to France this week-end.

Courget, now 54, returned of his own free will to face a charge that he helped Emile Buisson, former French Public Enemy No. 1, in a bank hold-up. One of the cashiers was killed, Courget was about to become a naturalized American when the French police traced him.

At the Surete Nationale, Paris, he told his story. "It began in 1918 when I killed a woman. 'On leave in Paris I met a girl who became my mistress. In a fit of anger, during an argument, I knifed her. I was sentenced to eight years' hard labour and deported to Devil's Island.

"Three years later four of us got through the jungle to Dutch Guiana." Thence he went via British Guiana to Venezuela.

He fell ill. "A native woman looked after me. I stayed three years and we had two children." Later, in Spain, he met Buisson, and in 1933 returned to France. Police got on his track, and he left with Buisson for Shanghai, where he ran a gambling den.

Back in Europe, in 1937, Buisson and his gang raided a bank at Troyes. All but Courget were arrested. He was sentenced in his absence to hard labour for life. "I am unrepentant," Courget reached America in the liner Normandie in June 1938.

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Japan-Nationalist Trade Agreement

Tokyo, Mar. 17.
 Wide discrepancies of view dominate the current negotiations between Japan and Nationalist China in Tokyo for a new trade agreement, according to reliable Government sources.

The last trade agreement between the two nations expired last July and has been extended indefinitely since then.

Negotiations have been held in Tokyo between the Chinese diplomatic mission here and the Japanese Government.

Major differences of view between the two parties are:

1. Japan insists on dividing goods to be traded between the two countries into the categories—essential and non-essential.

She is calling for an overall trade volume of \$154,000,000 involving \$70,000,000 each for essential and non-essential goods.

Nationalist China seeks to export \$80,000,000 worth of goods from Formosa and import \$92,000,000 worth of goods from Japan, leaving a favourable balance of \$8,000,000 for Japan.

2. Nationalist China desires to export 120,000 tons of rice in return for 300,000 tons of ammonium sulphate from Japan while Japan insists she will not be able to export 300,000 tons because of domestic demand.—France-Press.

The Rubber Markets

London, Mar. 17.
 Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in pence	33 1/2
April	33-34 1/2
May	32 1/2-34
June	32 1/2-33
July/August	32 1/2-33 1/2
October/December	32 1/2-33 1/2

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Mar. 17.
 Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	100 1/2-101
April	100-100 1/2
May	100-100 1/2
June	100-100 1/2
July/August	100-100 1/2
October/December	100-100 1/2

Claims To Be Pressed

Manila, Mar. 17.
 Collection from the United States Government of about \$24,000,000, representing the profit of the Philippine Government from its deposits in the US Federal Treasury at the time of the dollar devaluation in 1934, will be pressed anew.

The sum represents the profit computed on the devaluated gold contents of the US dollar out of the Philippine deposit of \$54,000,000 at the time. It is held here that the Philippine bid to collect should be pressed since the US Government made a gain of \$2,800 million.—France-Press.

TOURIST BODIES TO MEET

Saligon, Mar. 17.
 The international organization of official tourist organizations will meet in New Delhi on March 24 to set up a regional commission for Asia and the Far East.

Vietnam, which has been a member of IOTO since 1951, will be represented by the Director of Aviation, Li Cong Trinh.—France-Press.

Warning By Bank Governor EXCHANGE TAX REDUCTION

Manila, Mar. 17.
 The Central Bank Governor, Miguel Cuaderno, today strongly opposed a bill to reduce the 17 per cent tax on purchases of foreign exchange, warning that it would serve to decrease further the country's dollar reserves.

Mr Cuaderno testified at the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee hearing on Congressman Danilo Romualdez' bill to reduce the tax to 12 1/2 per cent.

The proposal has the support of business interests.

The Bank Governor said the proposed reduction would mean the loss of about 40,000,000 pesos (\$20,000,000) to the Government, which would serve to reduce the dollar reserves further.

There reserves now totalled \$280,000,000 which he described as low.

The Central Bank reserves totalled \$355,000,000 at the end of last year but decreased due to a decline in exports and an increase in imports.

Mr Cuaderno said the Government needs more income in order to raise counterpart funds for Mutual Security Administration assistance.

Without the counterpart funds the Philippines would not get American aid allocations.

The Finance Secretary, Mr Aurelio Montinola, also opposed the bill.

The hearings will continue tomorrow.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 17.
 The tin market was steady this morning. Turnover was 80 tons, including 10 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

from America to further scheme. They are seeking avenue of publicity to Government financial and its support.

The General Manager of Bank of New South Wales, Australia's biggest bank, influ

—United Press.

Bankers Backing Migration Scheme

Melbourne, Mar. 17.
 Three Australian industrialists and bankers are launching a scheme for the migration of people and industries from Britain to the Dominions as a means of restoring the Empire to a position of power and influence.

They suggest using dollar help from America to further the scheme. They are seeking every avenue of publicity to gain Government financial and public support.

The General Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Australia's biggest, most influential and oldest private bank, Mr S. J. Gordon, puts forward the formation in Australia and Britain of a body to consider all aspects of personal, political and financial—of Empire migration and advice Governments.

He envisages a body co-operating throughout the Empire to distribute population and industrial and financial strength and influence.

Sir Herbert Gepp, one of the nation's top industrialists, points

NERVOUSNESS IN INDIA OVER THE EMPIRE CUTS IN IMPORTS

Britain And Asia Aid

London, Mar. 17.
 Britain is expected to reaffirm her full support of the Colombo Plan for the economic development of South and South-East Asia at a meeting of the Plan's Consultative Committee from March 24 to 31 at Karachi, capital of Pakistan.

The Marquess of Reading, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will leave by air on Wednesday to attend the meeting.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$338,354.40. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS HK Bank 139 30 @ 1400

INSURANCES Canton 245 200 @ 145

SHIPPING Anglo Siam 172 1/2 104 500 @ 17

DOCKS, ETC K. Wharf 12 1/2 100 @ 44

Wheeler 43 1/2 1500 @ 7.50

LAND, ETC Hic Hotel 7 1/2 2500 @ 7.50

IGK Land 20 40 100 @ 1.50

Realty 2 1/2 200 @ 15.40

Utilities Tram 15 1/2 400 @ 15.50

P. Tram (N) 12 1/2 100 @ 5.15

Star Ferry (N) 9.20 8.30 700 @ 5.15

C. Light (N) 5.40 5.65 100 @ 20.1

Electric 20 200 @ 20.1

Telephone 10.50 200 @ 18.80

INDUSTRIALS Cement 14.20 100 @ 18.80

Rope 20 100 @ 18.80

STOCKS, ETC Dairy 18 1/2 200 @ 18.80

Watson 23 100 @ 18.80

COINAGE Two 21 1/2 100 @ 18.80

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 0.77

Sterling note (per £1) 10.5

Business done at 10.5

Siam (per 100) 30.00

Singapore (per 100) 12.75

FIC (per 100) 12.75

—United Press.

Jap Experts In Britain

Manchester, Mar. 17.
 Three Japanese authorities on labour and industrial problems, now on a month's tour of Britain, met local trade union representatives here today.

The visitors, all from Tokyo, are Mr Iwao Ayusawa, Professor of Labour Relations at the Japan Christian University, Miss Haru Ono, Chief of the Women's Division of the All-Japan Express Workers Union, and Mrs Ayumi Yamashita, a member of the Cotton Spinners' Division, of the National Federation of Fibre Industry Unions.

They are guests of the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Labour.—Reuter.

India's businessmen are growing increasingly nervous about the Commonwealth import restrictions. They fear that a new round of cuts will further attack their toppling money market.

Hundreds of thousands Sterling have been wiped out in the past week in the biggest financial slump since the great depression.

Bankruptcies are mounting as frenzied gold and commodity speculators try to disgorge hoarded stocks in the wake of plummeting prices.

New austerities in Britain would reduce British buying of Indian commodities and induce fresh price falls. If these go on at the present rate they will threaten the stability of India's finances.

The Indian Government is understood to have prepared an approach to Britain to take more jute, tea, manganese and cotton goods should it become necessary to save the rupee.

But already some raw materials have fallen by at least 50 per cent in recent weeks. Unrefined sugar, which could hardly be bought at all six months ago, today costs 5d a lb—the same as in 1930.

Cotton goods are down by 30 per cent with an estimated 100,000 bales of cloth still unrolled in the warehouses.

Two marble palaces, a private aeroplane, half a dozen Rolls-Royces and Cadillacs and a small mound of gold bars are on sale today at giveaway prices in Calcutta. They belong to one of the wealthy Indian merchants who gambled on pushing up the price of gold.

He and a few colleagues began buying large quantities four months ago at peak post-Korean prices. Now the value of gold has crashed and so have the syndicate. Their losses are believed to total over £1,000,000.

RACKET BROKEN
 The collapse of the gold market has virtually broken the world's most profitable smuggling racket. Millions of pounds worth of bullion has been smuggled into India since the outbreak of the Korean war when people rushed to invest in anything but cupronickel rupees.

They paid almost any price—crooks reckoned to make 10 shillings profit on every Pound Sterling's worth of smuggled gold.

An Arab merchant this morning was walking around Calcutta's gold trading centre with a waistcoat containing £7,000 in bullion. He arrived by air, expecting to get at least £12,000. But there are no buyers.

The gold crisis has been accompanied by a panic on the stock exchange. Share values have tumbled as frightened operators liquidate their holdings.

It is considered impossible to stabilise the situation until confidence is restored.

DEADLY DEFLATION
 India is today tasting the swiftest, deadliest dose of deflation it has experienced for many a year.

Prices are dipping daily—worry grips the Bombay and Calcutta Stock Exchanges—fortunes invested in speculation are being wiped out.

This sudden economic equal is not unexpected. Commodity prices are declining all over the world. Reduced stockpiling, the general shortage of money, growing import restrictions are turning the tide which rocketed riches into raw material producing countries after the outbreak of the Korean conflict.

But in India, which did well out of the boom, speculators gambled on world war.

Vast stocks of foodstuffs, food grains and manufactured goods were hoarded away for future profiteering. Prices soared: cotton shirts from 15s to 37s. 6d, shoes £2 to £5. 10s. A cake of English soap cost 12s. 6d, a tin of English pens 7s. Razor blades, cosmetics, watches, cameras became high-priced or grew scarce.

CUT PRICES
 These stocks are today being hurried into the market. Shopkeepers are begging customers to buy. Salesmen follow possible purchasers around with offers of the latest export motor-cars at cut prices. Showrooms are full of famous British makes for months unsold.

However, Indians are enjoying the unfamiliar experience of seeing the salaries they were paid in value. The cost of living has dropped 8 per cent in the last two months. It may drop further and faster in the next few weeks.

This situation could become serious, however, for the Indian Government. Most of its revenue comes from export duties—and India's main exports, jute and tea, are not selling so well abroad as previously. Any deepening of the depression will shut mills

and factories and launch an economic and political crisis from which only the Communists will benefit.—London Express Service.

DUTIES REDUCED
 New Delhi, Mar. 17.
 The Ministry of Finance announced a reduction of export duties as a result of constant review of present market trends.

The Government of India abolished, effective yesterday, the export duty on groundnut oil, kardi seed, niger seed and raw wool. On the same date the export duty on raw cotton was reduced from 400 to 200 rupees per bale of soft cotton, and waster from 50 to 20 per cent ad valorem.

The export duties on other oil seeds and oils were unchanged.—United Press.

Tourist Travel To U.S. Booms

London, Mar. 17.
 A seasonal falling off in first-class travel on the North Atlantic has brought a boom in tourist (third-class) crossings.

The Queen Mary, now on her way to New York, has more passengers in the tourist class than in the other two classes (first and cabin) put together.

In the height of the season, four passengers in the 81,000-ton liner are outnumbered by nearly three to one.

On her next west-bound crossing the liner America will have every tourist class berth occupied. Many of the passengers will be Germans, joining the ship at her final turnaround point—Bremerhaven.

Shipping companies report bookings "fairly well maintained" between here and the United States and Canada during the winter.

Liners operating on the North Atlantic have been helped by the absence of such big ships as the Caronia, Britannia, Nieuw Amsterdam and Liberté on dollar-cruise programmes.

These vessels will come back to normal service as the east-bound Atlantic season builds up. It is already difficult to get top-class accommodation in some ships in June—London Express Service.

Supplies For Can Makers

Washington, Mar. 17.
 Can makers will get 105,000 tons of secondary tin mill plate in the first half of this year in addition to their quotas, the Government announced today.

Can makers and packers can use any quantity of the secondary metal to package anything, without charging the material against their quotas, the Government said. About 35,000 tons will be available in the first quarter and 60,000 tons in the second quarter.

The Government said the bonus is being given because secondary tin mill products are accumulating at mills with no chance that present outlets will dispose of them.—Associated Press.

Abaca Output Increased

Manila, Mar. 17.
 Steady progress in the control of abaca mosaic disease in Mindanao has been achieved, thereby increasing Philippine abaca production in 1951. It was reported today by the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

For the past two years Philippine abaca production has been sharply declined due to the prevalence of the mosaic pest, the country which enjoyed a monopoly of the production of abaca before the Second World War.—France-Press.

SPEEDING UP ON THE FARM

Washington, Mar. 17.
 On a huge farm, near the little town of Gray Summit, Missouri, a livestock feed concern is busy introducing that most American of characteristics—the restless speed-up—to future pork chops, chickens and eggs.

There are about ten million farm hands in America, and like everyone else these days they have to be paid more.

So the formula now sought is how to produce a given amount of animal with less costly grain and fewer hours of work.

The firm is succeeding, too. It can grow a 3 lb. broiling fowl in nine weeks and on 9 lb of grain—which is about 1 lb of grain and one week of growing time below the 1945 average.

Then they feed the so-called wonder drugs, things like neomycin and streptomycin, to the turkey. The turkey like this so much that they are on average two pounds heavier at 26 weeks than they were in the old scratch and shuffle days.—London Express Service.

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Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 17.
 Prices of grain futures closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel	2.00 1/2-2.01 1/2
Spot	2.00 1/2-2.01 1/2
March	2.01 1/2-2.02 1/2
May	2.02 1/2-2.03 1/2
July	2.03 1/2-2.04 1/2
September	2.04 1/2-2.05 1/2
December	2.05 1/2-2.06 1/2

Corn
 Spot 1.07 1/2-1.08 1/2
 March 1.08 1/2-1.09 1/2
 May 1.09 1/2-1.10 1/2
 July 1.10 1/2-1.11 1/2
 September 1.11 1/2-1.12 1/2
 December 1.12 1/2-1.13 1/2

Oats
 Spot 2.00 1/2-2.01 1/2
 March 2.01 1/2-2.02 1/2
 May 2.02 1/2-2.03 1/2
 July 2.03 1/2-2.04 1/2
 September 2.04 1/2-2.05 1/2
 December 2.05 1/2-2.06 1/2

New York futures per 20 lb. sack
 \$12.50.—United Press.

Higher Trend In Cotton

New York, Mar. 17.
 Cotton futures opened \$1 in \$1.75 a bale higher.

Month	40.68
May	35.63 - 67
July	36.72 - 73
October	36.40 - 43
December	36.37
March	36.21
May	35.85

The broad covering movement in cotton futures that got under way last Friday was resumed in early dealings today. Trade and commission house buying extended gains to \$2.20 a bale before the market reacted somewhat on profit-taking and hedging.

Mid-morning prices were \$1.30 to \$1.60 a bale higher than the previous close.

May 40.73
 July 39.71
 October 36.69
 —Associated Press.

Fertiliser For Formosa

Tokyo, Mar. 17.
 Japanese trade circles said today that a total of 35,000 tons of chemical fertiliser will be exported from Japan to Formosa during March, April and May this year.

The Japanese Government Ministries concerned have already allotted manufacture of the fertiliser to seven makers.—United Press.

JAPANESE BONDS
 London, Mar. 17.
 Japanese bonds

"A" (4s. of 1899) 71
 "B" (4s. of 1910) 61
 "C" (5s. of 1907) 114 1/2
 "D" (5s. of 1934) 85
 "E" (5s. of 1934) 120
 Consols 88-17/16.—United Press.

ROYAL INTER-OCEAN LINES

SAILINGS To

"BOISSEVAIN" Mar. 20th Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & America
 "TIKAMPEK" Mar. 24th Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

"STRAAT MAKASSAR" Apr. 2nd Japan, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIJAWANGI" Apr. 2nd Japan, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "VAN HEUTZ" Apr. 5th Singapore & East Africa
 "TARNAN" Apr. 8th Manila, Singapore, S. Africa
 "TIBODAS" Apr. 13th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TILUWAB" Apr. 16th Japan, Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

"TEGELBERG" Apr. 25th Singapore, Penang & Delawan Deli
 "TARNAN" Apr. 25th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIJAWANGI" May 2nd Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIKAMPEK" May 9th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TARNAN" May 16th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TILUWAB" May 27th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar

"RUYR" June 2nd Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIJAWANGI" June 2nd Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TEGELBERG" June 9th Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & America
 "TIBODAS" June 13th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TILUWAB" June 16th Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIJAWANGI" July 2nd Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
 "TIPANAS" July 8th Manila, Singapore, Penang, S. Africa & America

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